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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, N. Y.
March 10, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JUDITH COPLON
VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV;
ESPIONAGE - R

SA RICHARD HRADSKY and the writer took a position in Bureau Car at a point approximately 30 feet north of the northeast corner of 193rd Street and Broadway shortly after 5 PM on March 4, 1949.

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At approximately 7 PM COPLON was observed walking north on the east side of Broadway toward 193rd Street. She reached the southeast corner of 193rd Street and Broadway, where she stood in front of a drugstore. She kept glancing up and down the street and apparently was waiting for someone. After a few minutes she started walking south on the east side of Broadway and continued walking until she reached a restaurant window, where she stopped and appeared to be looking in. She then continued south on Broadway until out of sight.

At approximately 7:14 PM COPLON was again observed walking north on the east side of Broadway. When she reached the southeast corner of 193rd Street and Broadway she glanced back momentarily, and then crossed 193rd Street and continued walking north on the east side of Broadway until she reached a point approximately 30 feet north of the 193rd Street intersection.

COPLON then turned around and returned to the northeast corner of 193rd Street and Broadway, where she entered a cigar store at approximately 7:18 PM.

At 7:24 PM GUBITCHEV was observed walking north on the east side of Broadway at a point approximately opposite the 192nd Street intersection. Upon reaching the southeast corner of 193rd Street and Broadway he entered the drug store. A few seconds later he came out of the drug store and walked south on the east side of Broadway to a point opposite the 192nd Street intersection, where he momentarily hesitated at the curb before crossing to the northwest corner of 192nd Street and Broadway. He stood at the bus stop at that point.

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<i>H. J. [signature]</i>

MEMO:
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At 7:28 PM COPLON came out of the cigar store and started walking south on Broadway. She continued walking south until out of sight.

GUBITCHEV remained at the bus stop and did not board two busses that stopped to pick up passengers.

At about 7:36 PM he was out of sight and had apparently walked west on 192nd Street. About four minutes later he was again observed standing at the bus stop, and at 7:45 PM he boarded a south bound bus.

At 8:01 PM GUBITCHEV was again observed walking north on the east side of Broadway at a point across from the 192nd Street intersection. He continued walking north on the east side of the street until he reached Nagle Avenue, where he turned east.

At approximately 8:50 PM the radio station instructed [] to discontinue the surveillance, and [] was removed from the area.

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THOMAS H. ZOELLER,
SA

65-14932

March 7, 1949.

Re: Judith Coplon
Espionage - R

At 5:50 P.M. ^[3/4/49] Special Agent John M. O'Mara advised that the subject had checked her bag in locker 1035 on the lower level of Pennsylvania R.R. Station.

Through Joseph E. Walsh, Pennsylvania R.R. Police a highly confidential source was arranged which advised that Coplon's bag contained clothing, items of makeup and the section of the 2/27/49 Washington Post which contains the letters of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

At 6:10 P.M. the source advised the bag was safely replaced in the locker and at 6:14 P.M. the office was so advised.

J. Harold Glascock

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United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

March 9, 1949

MEMO

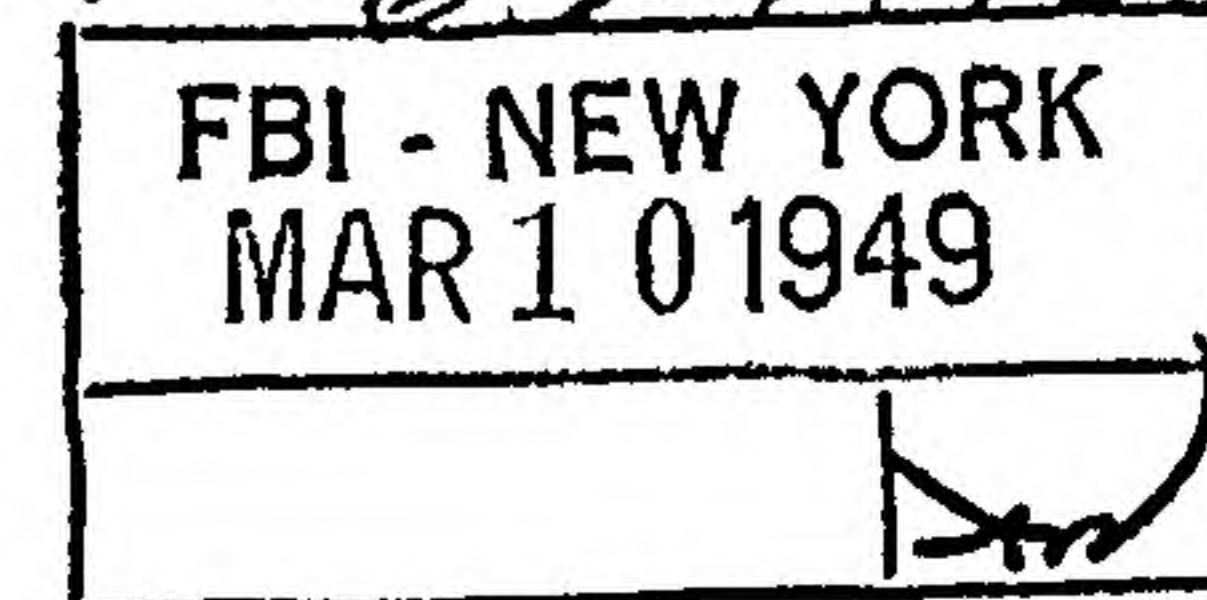
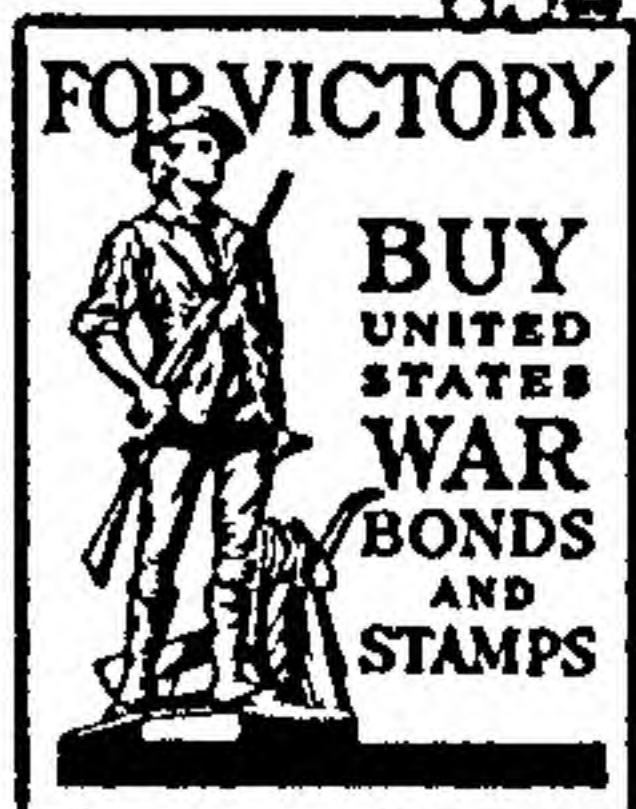
RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

I called Mr. Delavigne of the Washington Field Office at 5:30 PM, March 8, 1949, and requested him to advise the agents who were to appear before the Grand Jury in the above case to be in the New York Office by 10:00 AM, March 9th. Mr. Delavigne stated that he did not know who would be required to testify but would get in touch with the Bureau.

I contacted Mr. T. J. DONEGAN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General and he advised me that Washington Field agents would not be required on March 9th in New York. I called Mr. Delavigne and he advised that Mr. RAYMOND WHEARTY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General who had reviewed the Washington report, thought that SAs [redacted] and [redacted] should be in New York for the Grand Jury. The Bureau was advised and Mr. Delavigne stated that it would be satisfactory for the agents to appear. b3

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ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA 65-14932-1742m



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DIRECTOR AND SAC

U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL. SOURCE ON JAN. TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN FORTYNINE ADVISED THAT COPLON REQUESTED JOSEPH STONE TO TAKE A BOTTLE OF SCOTCH TO SID BERMAN IN NEW YORK. IT IS NOTED THAT COPLON HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK JAN. NINETEEN THRU TWENTYTHREE AND MAY HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BERMAN OF THAT TRIP. BERMAN IS SUBJECT NEW YORK FILE ONE TWENTYONE DASH ONE FOUR TWO TWO. HE IS PRESENTLY ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FROM DEPT. OF LABOR AND ENGAGED IN LAW PRACTICE AT TWO TWENTYFIVE W. FIFTYSEVENTYTH ST., NYC AND RESIDES AT THREE FORTY W. EIGHTYSEVENTH ST., NYC. NEW YORK INTERVIEW.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK,
MARCH 9, 1949BUREAU
WASHINGTON

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MR. BELMONT
MR. WHITMAN
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MR. QUINN
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MR. SHANNON
MR. TUBBS
MR. WATSON
NIGHT AND STATED
PROPERTY CLERK
CAMP LETTS

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. ANNE MARIE DAVIS INTERVIEWED MARCH NINE AND STATED SHE FIRST MET COPLON AROUND LABOR DAY NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN AT CAMP LETTS, MARYLAND. DAVIS SAID COPLON CAME THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK AND STAYED UNTIL END OF FOLLOWING WEEK. DAVIS ADDED THAT THIS WAS A VERY SMALL CAMP CONSISTING OF MARRIED COUPLES AND THEIR FAMILIES AND SEVEN OR EIGHT SINGLE GIRLS. THESE GIRLS ALL LIVED IN SAME CABIN. DAVIS IS ALMOST POSITIVE COPLON CAME TO THE CAMP ALONE STATING THAT SHE WOULD POSITIVELY REMEMBER IF COPLON HAD COME WITH A MAN SINCE SUCH A SITUATION WOULD HAVE BEEN HIGHLY UNUSUAL AT THIS CAMP. HER ACTIVITIES AT CAMP CONSISTED PRINCIPALLY OF SPORTS AND SHE DID NOT ASSOCIATE TO ANY EXTENT WITH ANYONE ELSE AT THE CAMP AND DAVIS KNOWS OF NO SINGLE MEN WHO WERE AT THE CAMP AT THAT TIME. DORA SANDER TOLD DAVIS AT THE CAMP THAT COPLON HAD SAID SHE HAD COME FROM AN EXCLUSIVE RESORT IN NORTH CAROLINA WHERE SHE HAD BEEN REFUSED ADMITTANCE BECAUSE OF HER RACE AND AS A RESULT HAD RETURNED TO WASHINGTON AND THEN WENT TO CAMP LETTS, SAYING THAT SHE HAD RECOGNIZED DAVIS' NAME ON A BROCHURE OF THE CAMP AND KNEW FROM BARNARD ALUMNI MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON THAT DAVIS WAS A BARNARD ALUMNUS. DAVIS STATED THAT SHE GRADUATED FROM BARNARD IN NINETEEN THIRTYONE.

SHE FURNISHED THE NAMES OF OTHERS LIVING IN THE CABIN WITH COPLON AND THEIR ADDRESSES. THEY ARE DORA SANDER, FOUR TWO ZERO SIX KAYWOOD DRIVE, MT. RAINIER, MARYLAND, TELEPHONE UN ZERO TWO EIGHT ZERO. HER OFFICE IS AT THE BUREAU OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS, MRS. URCEL DANIEL, TWO TWO TWO TWO EYE STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC, TELEPHONE RE TWO EIGHT SIX EIGHT, MRS. JANE B. VOLCKAUSEN, TWENTIETH AND

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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N STREETS, WASHINGTON, DC. DAVIS SAID SHE LAST SAW COPLON ON FEBURARY
FIFTEENTH LAST AT A BARNARD ALUMNI MEETING AT THE GOOD EARTH RESTAURANT
IN WASHINGTON, DC.

SCHEIDT

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI

Attn: FBI Laboratory

March 9, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re FBI Laboratory report dated March 4, 1949, identifying Documents Q-25 through Q-33, as having been typed on Royal Typewriter, Serial KII-2585483, located in room 2216, Department of Justice Building. It is observed that these documents are carbon copies.

An examination of a wooden box located on the west side of room 2220, which room is the office of subject, reflects that in the rear of this box in a section of unfiled material, the originals of Q-25 through Q-29 and Q-33 were located.

It has been learned that subject as a political analyst reviewed Bureau reports which might have a bearing on Foreign Agents Registration Act matters. If she felt the information appearing in the reports would be of some possible future use to the FARS, she underlined sentences in the synopsis and details she desired written up on a "data slip". In the upper left hand corner of the data slips, there usually appeared the name of the file or subject matter with which the Bureau report concerned itself. In the upper right hand corner of the data slips, there usually appears the names of individuals or organizations which are mentioned in the summary of information appearing on the data slips.

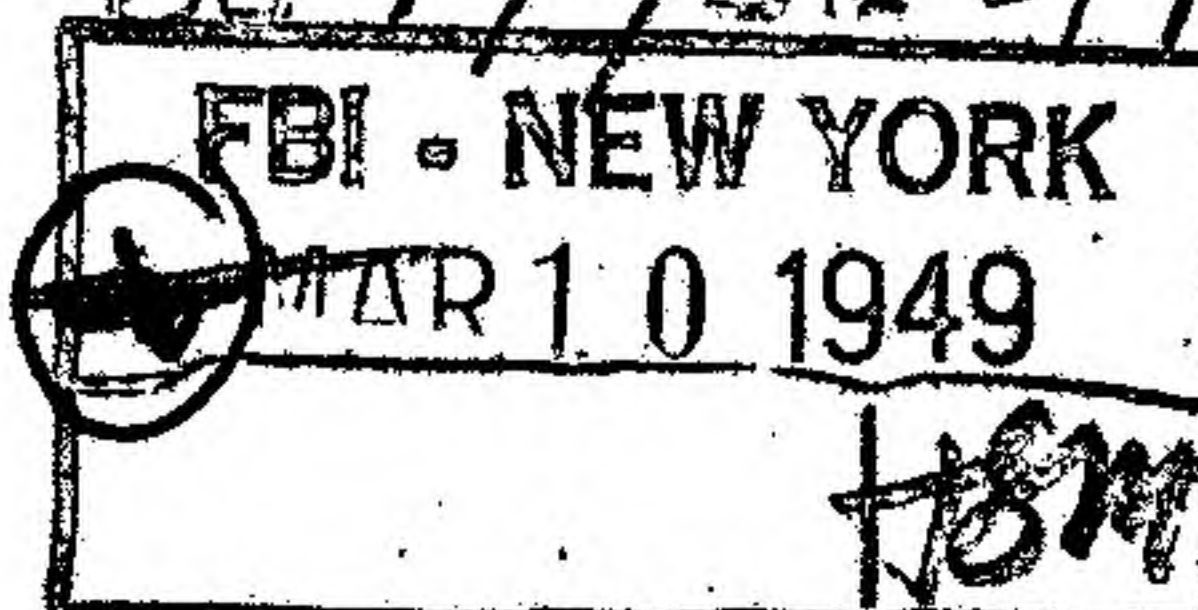
For an illustration, the Bureau's attention is directed to Q-25. In the upper left hand corner there is written, "Napoli". In the upper right hand corner there is written, "Communist Party Secretary of Peru" and "Artkino". This means that the stenographer in the FARS, Miss ETTA TAYLOR, typed an original and two carbons, making a sum total of three. If the upper right hand corner contained four names or subject matters, there would have been a sum total of five made. The original of Q-25 and only one carbon were located. It is assumed that subject had the second copy in her possession when arrested.

There are being transmitted herewith the originals of Q-25 through Q-29 and Q-33, as well as the carbon copies located with the original. It is observed that in each instance one carbon is missing.

There are also being enclosed the original data slips and carbons of Q-31 and Q-32, which were located in an unfiled portion of a paper file box which was on a file cabinet on the south side of room 2220. It is observed that one carbon is also missing from both Q-31 and Q-32.

Q-30, which is also a carbon, reflects that the name H. NICHOLAS GARANFIL in the upper right hand corner of the data slip has a line underscored beneath it.

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Enclosures
cc - New York



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65-5128

Director, FBI
Re: JUDITH COPLON
March 9, 1949

It is also observed that it bears the initials "BSM" as the identity of the analyst. BERNARD S. MORRIS is a former analyst for the FARS. Q-30 bears the caption, "General NICOLAE RADESCU" in the upper left hand corner. In the upper right hand corner, there appears, "NICOLAE MALAXA", "M. NICHOLAS CARANFIL" and "M. BARBU NICULESCU".

In a file cabinet marked "Miscellaneous" located on the north side of room 2220, there is a section devoted to Rumanians. Under this section, there is a name tab entitled, "General NICOLAE RADESCU". The original of Q-30 was filed behind this name tab. There is a tab bearing the caption, "NICOLAE MALAXA" and behind it there is a carbon of Q-30. There is also a name tab for "M. BARBU NICULESCU" and located behind this name tab is a carbon of Q-30. There is no name tab for "M. NICHOLAS CARANFIL", nor is there a carbon or original of Q-30 in the Rumanian file. It is presumed that subject removed the carbon for M. NICHOLAS CARANFIL and that it is the carbon found in subject's possession when she was arrested. The original of Q-30 is enclosed.

All of the above mentioned documents being submitted to the FBI Laboratory have been initialed by Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES, who located them and also bear the initials of Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY, head of the FARS and Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make a typewriting comparison of the originals of Q-25 through Q-33 with the carbons taken from the person of subject when she was arrested on March 4, 1949, at New York City. Upon the completion of the examination, the original and carbons transmitted herewith should be returned to the Washington Field Office.



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

March 10, 1949

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

On the afternoon of March 10, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau referred to our teletype requesting authorization to interview BERT COPLON. Mr. Fletcher advised that it was satisfactory for us to proceed with this interview inasmuch as we had cleared with Mr. Whearty and Mr. Donegan. However, as mentioned in our teletype, we should not make any promises whatsoever to BERT COPLON.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

AHB:CTC
65-14932



.....MR. SCHEIDT
.....MR. BELMONT
.....MR. WHELAN
.....MR. COLLIER
.....MR. GRANVILLE
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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COMPLAINT FORM

JUDITH COPLON
Subject's Name and Aliases

ANONYMOUS
Name of Complainant
178 OCEAN PARKWAY
Address of Complainant

Address of Subject
Internal Security - R.
Character of Case

Telephone Number of Complainant
3-10-49 1:30 PM
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT:

An anonymous telephone call was received from a person (female) who stated that she was a tenant at 178 Ocean Parkway, the residence of the parents of JUDITH COPLON. She advised that in a conversation with MICHAEL HERRITY a "handyman" who resides in the basement at the above address, he had told her that just prior to Miss Coplon's arrest he had mailed several packages for Miss Coplon's parents. The caller was unable to furnish any other information and refused to reveal her name.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

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WILLIAM L. ELLY
MAR 10 1949
Special Agent
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

MARCH 10, 1949

BUREAU & WFO...URGENT

JUDITH COPLON; VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, WAS; ESP R. FROM CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, NYC, IT WAS ASCERTAINED THAT THE TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL, SERIAL B DASH ONE THREE NINE TWO EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN SIX B, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS ON THE PERSON OF GUBITCHEV WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED ON THREE FOUR FORTYNINE, WAS INCLUDED IN A SHIPMENT OF NEW CURRENCY SENT TO JAKOB LOMAKIN, USSR, CONSUL GENERAL, NYC, ON JULY THIRTY FORTYSIX UNDER DIRECTION OF THE STATE BANK OF THE USSR. THIS SHIPMENT OF CURRENCY WAS FOR TEN THOUSAND TWENTY-DOLLAR BILLS. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION NOT BE USED WITHOUT CONSULTING HIM SO THAT HE MAY TAKE IT UP WITH HIS LEGAL DEPARTMENT. A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF THE TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL, NOW IN POSSESSION OF THE NYO, SHOWS THAT THE BILL HAS HAD LITTLE OR NO HANDLING; IS IN A NEW ~~EXCEL~~ CRISP CONDITION; AND CERTAINLY DOES NOT GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF HAVING BEEN IN CIRCULATION FOR TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS. THIS IS BEING REPORTED TO THE BUREAU AND WFO FOR ~~EXCEL~~ INFORMATION PURPOSES.

SCHEIDT

CC NY 65-14932 ✓

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Director, FBI

March 10, 1949

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

In accordance with the telephonic conversation between Mr. Leo Laughlin of the Bureau and ASAC Belmont of this office on March 10, 1949, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the indictment returned against subjects COPLON and GUBITCHEV at approximately 11:00 am on March 10, in the Southern District of New York. The subjects will be arraigned in the Southern District of New York at 10:30 am on March 11, 1949.

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cc - NY 65-14939 (Gubitchev)

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York 7, New York

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FILE No. _____

March 11, 1949

MEMO

Re: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

On March 4, 1949, Special Agents ROBERT J. WIRTH and ROGER W. ROBINSON were assigned to the surveillance of the above-named subject. The Agents were instructed to obtain a radio car and proceed to 193rd Street and Broadway and to park the car in the parking lot on the West side of Broadway opposite this location in such a position that they could sit in the car and observe the activities of the subject which might possibly take place in this vicinity. These instructions were followed, Car 195 having been obtained by the Agents. The Agents, however, did not take up their appointed position in the parking lot until shortly after 6 o'clock, at which time darkness had set in and they could not be observed by individuals on the street.

Subject COPLON was first observed in the vicinity of 193rd Street at approximately 7:00 P.M. A physical surveillance log on COPLON and GUBITCHEV has been submitted, setting forth the detailed observations of the Agents relative to all the movements engaged in by the subjects and they will not be repeated in this memorandum. This surveillance log is retained in the physical surveillance file maintained on COPLON, No. 65-14932-Sub-file A.

At approximately 8:55 P.M. all cars were notified by Station WFBV that the subjects had just boarded a downtown bus at 42nd Street and Ninth Avenue. The Agents acted upon this information immediately, proceeded down the West Side Drive to 14th Street where the subjects had left the bus, and started to cover the entire area, attempting to locate the subjects. When advised that the subjects had left a subway near Third Avenue, the area between 14th, 15th, and 16th Streets was covered by Car 195. At approximately 9:30 P.M. Car 195 had a blow-out and the Agents proceeded on foot, covering Union Square and East on 14th Street. At Irving Place on 14th Street, the Agents observed that the apprehension had been made and hence proceeded immediately back to the office via IRT subway.

ROGER W. ROBINSON, SA

cc: 65-14939

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FBI - NEW YORK
MAR 11 1949

T.S. Miller | 183sm

New York 7, New York

March 11, 1949

MEMO

Re: VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

A detailed account of the physical surveillance maintained on JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV on March 4, 1949, is set forth in a report on the above-named individuals dated March 8, 1949, by Special Agent T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., at New York, Serial 60 of instant file. The detailed physical surveillance logs of the Agents participating in the surveillance of COPLON and GUBITCHEV are also set out in the above-mentioned report. The original physical surveillance logs of the Agents, however, pertaining to March 4, 1949, are being maintained together in the physical surveillance file on COPLON, No. 65-14932-Sub-file A. The individual notes made by the Agents while on the surveillance are also being maintained as exhibits in the COPLON file.

ROGER W. ROBINSON, SA

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York 7, New York

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FILE No. 65-14932

March 10, 1949

MEMORANDUM TO ASAC BELMONT

RE: JUDITH A. COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

On March 10, 1949, Captain WOODSON of ONI, advised you that the FBI had interviewed a Wave Reserve Officer by the name of ANNE MARIE DAVIS relative to the COPLON matter.

Captain WOODSON advised that Miss DAVIS is on temporary duty in New York and that the Navy is contemplating using her on confidential work.

Captain WOODSON wanted to know if Miss DAVIS was in any way involved in the COPLON case.

Miss DAVIS was interviewed by Agents R. E. Brennan and J. M. Stolzen-thaler on March 9, 1949, in accordance with a request received by teletype from the Washington Field Office which stated in effect that Miss DAVIS and JUDITH COPLON had attended the same camp for a two weeks stay in the Fall of 1947. Miss DAVIS was able to substantiate this but was unable to give any other information of value in this case.

Your attention is called to the fact that the New York Office is not acquainted with the manner in which the name of ANNE MARIE DAVIS came up in the COPLON case. You might deem it advisable to have us check with Washington Field in regard to this before you talk to Captain WOODSON.

Lt. Commander JOHN D. GRADY, ONI, was advised prior to this interview that Miss DAVIS was not under suspicion in any matter presently being handled by this office but that the agents were seeking information which they hoped Miss DAVIS could supply. Lt. Commander GRADY was not informed that this dealt with the COPLON case or with any other case.

The indices of the New York Office contain no information concerning ANNE MARIE DAVIS.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

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*Commander was
advised that
the above is all
the info we have
presently here
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FBI - NEW YORK
MAR 10 1949
T.S. Miller

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. WOODSON
MR. COPLON
MR. CRANFORD
MR. HENRY
MR. JONES
MR. LADD
MR. NICHOLS
MR. ROSEN
MR. TRACY
MR. WOODSON
CHIEF CLERK
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65-14932

607 U.S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

March 10, 1949

Honorable Albert Goldman
Postmaster
U.S. Post Office
33rd Street & Eighth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that a cover be ^{renewed} ~~placed~~ on all mail, including special delivery and registered mail, of the following for a period of thirty days:

Mr. Julius Davis
Mrs. Julius Davis
Marion Davis
644 Riverside Drive
New York 31, N.Y.

☒ return cards

☐ tracings

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

TSM:JM

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

March 11, 1949

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. TIFELAN
MR. C. LIER
MR. WILLE
MR. TZ
MR. ASSAULT
MR. MAN
MR. ERVISOR
MR. ON
MR. W. LSON
CHIEF CLERK
PROPERTY CLERK
STANDARD CLERK

At 11:30 am today, I called Mr. H. B. Fletcher at the Bureau to advise him that JUDITH COPLON and VALINTIN GUBITCHEV had been arraigned before Judge Rifkind starting at about 10:50 am. COPLON had pleaded not guilty to the three counts in the indictment affecting her. The trial was set for April 1, 1949, after the defense attorney had asked for an additional week beyond the time of March 25, which the government asked as a starting time of the trial. Mr. Whearty asked for \$50,000 bail on the same grounds as previously. However, Judge Rifkind set the bail at \$20,000. After the rest of the arraignment was concluded, Mr. Whearty asked Judge Rifkind to reconsider the bail on COPLON and she was called back, at which time Whearty advised the court that because of her attempts to elude surveillance prior to her apprehension and her manner of conducting herself, he thought the bail should be raised. The judge heard the argument of the defense attorney and held a direct conversation with JUDITH COPLON, pointing out to her the seriousness of trying to leave the country or not being available under bond. After conversing with her, he again set the bail at \$20,000. There is strong indication that she will make bail this afternoon.

GUBITCHEV was asked by the court whether he had counsel and advised that he did not and did not desire counsel. The court advised that the United Nations had indicated an interest in counsel for GUBITCHEV; therefore, he was arranging a conference for this afternoon in his chambers at which GUBITCHEV should be present, UN representatives and the Department of Justice representative. However, GUBITCHEV advised that he was not interested in obtaining a counsel. Therefore, the judge cancelled this conference. GUBITCHEV spoke only Russian and an interpreter was used. GUBITCHEV then made a short statement to the court to the effect that he was illegally arrested as he had diplomatic status and that the arrest was a provocation. The court advised that, in view of the gravity of the charges and the necessity that GUBITCHEV know his rights and privileges and the procedure in court in the United States, he should be represented by counsel and that he would appoint a counsel which he would designate later in the day. The court refused to take a pleading from GUBITCHEV in the absence of counsel and set an additional hearing for a pleading by him on March 14, 1949.

AHB:CTC
65-14932

cc - 65-14939 (Gubitchev)

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MAR 11 1949
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T.S.

MEMO
NY 65-14932

March 11, 1949

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Comm. Mitchell
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advise that
Police Officer
at the
premises
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I then spoke to Commissioner George Mitchell, New York Police Department, to advise him that JUDITH COPLON would be making bail this afternoon and would be taken to her parents' home at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn. I pointed out that there had been great public interest in this case and emotions had been aroused; that her brother had received crank letters and crank phone calls and it might be well, in order to preserve peace, for a uniformed policeman to be noticeably present in the vicinity of 178 Ocean Parkway. I advised Commissioner Mitchell I was calling him on this because I did not want the newspapers advised of her whereabouts and I thought he would understand that the presence of the uniformed policeman would avoid trouble in the area.

The above call was subsequent to BERTRAM COPLON's request that protection be afforded in the vicinity of his parents' home. It will be recalled that BERTRAM COPLON has promised cooperation and it was felt that we could further this cooperation by arranging for preservation of the peace by the police in the area of 178 Ocean Parkway.

At 11:45 am, Mr. Whearty again called me to advise that the State Department has been in touch with him to secure information which would permit the State Department to answer a protest by the Russians to the effect that FBI agents, when questioning GUBITCHEV after his arrest, questioned him concerning the war factories and their production in Russia, Soviet leaders and GUBITCHEV's superiors, Russian war plans, etc. I advised Mr. Whearty that we would prefer to have exactly what the State Department wants answered; that is, the exact tenor of the Russian protest before we could give an appropriate answer. Mr. Whearty advised that he would secure this exact information and I advised him we would do nothing further on this until we heard from him.

At 11:50 am, Mr. Whearty again called to advised that he had been speaking to Assistant to the Attorney General ALEX CAMPBELL relative to the fact that JUDITH COPLON is making bail and that CAMPBELL requested that he pass on instructions to this office that we install a surveillance on JUDITH COPLON upon her release on bail. I advised Mr. Whearty that we would not do this without express instructions from our Bureau in Washington; that we considered it unjudicious and unwise. Mr. Whearty advised that he would so inform Mr. CAMPBELL.

I immediately called Mr. Fletcher at the Bureau to advise him concerning the above two calls from Mr. Whearty relative to the Soviet protest and the surveillance on COPLON. I advised Mr. Fletcher that we

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would wait to receive the exact details of the Russian protest and that before making any answer whatsoever, we would clear it through the Bureau. I advised him that I was checking with the agents who had questioned GUBITCHEV; that they were presently out to lunch. Relative to this proposed surveillance on COPLON, I advised Mr. Fletcher that I had previously taken this up with the Bureau and that the Bureau had agreed that we should not conduct such a surveillance. I advised that I considered it unjudicious from the standpoint that there is great public interest in JUDITH COPLON; that reporters and photographers were seeking to contact her; that we would have great difficulty in keeping such a surveillance and it could cause embarrassment to the Bureau, and further, that her brother had indicated that he was going to take her straight home and keep her there when she was released on bail.

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 DIRECTOR AND SAC U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, ¹⁵⁸ESPIONAGE - R. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AT NINE TWENTY AM, THIS DATE, LEV S. TOLOKONNIKOV
 ADVISED GEORGI A. SOKOLOV, COUNSELLOR, THAT THEY HAD ASKED PER-
 MISSION TO SEE GUBICHEV IN JAIL, WHICH PERMISSION WAS REFUSED BUT
 THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEY COULD SEE HIM AT THE COURT AFTER THE
 ARRAIGNMENT. SOKOLOV MENTIONED THAT THIS WAS REFUSED ON THE
 GROUND THAT THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE COURT AND REQUESTED ADVICE
 FROM SOKOLOV AS TO WHAT PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW. AT NINE THIRTYSEVEN
 AM, THIS DATE, AMBASSADOR PANYUSHKIN ADVISED TOLOKONNIKOV AT UN TO
 GO TO THE COURT AND DO AS THEY HAD AGREED.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 12, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU AND WFO URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. RE WFO TEL MARCH ELEVEN SUGGESTING PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF COPLON AFTER BEING RELEASED ON BAIL. THIS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY BUREAU AND NY BUT DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE DONE. SURVEY YESTERDAY OF APARTMENT HOUSE WHERE COPLON APARTMENT LOCATED REVEALED SEVERAL CARS OF REPORTERS WAITING OUTSIDE. NY STILL OF OPINION SURVEILLANCE WOULD NOT ONLY BE INDISCREET BUT ALSO IMPRACTICAL AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE DONE UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY BUREAU.

[Signature]
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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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Per *[Signature]*

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. DASH R. RADIO NEWS REPORT ADVISED COPLON RELEASED
ON BAIL THIS DATE. SUGGEST BUREAU AND N.Y. CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF
PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF COPLON, IF NOT ARXX ALREADY BEING DONE, TO
ASCERTAIN HER ACTIVITIES.

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New York, New York

March 11, 1949

MEMO

RE: VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to letter dated March 11, 1949 from Mr. THOMAS F. POWER, Jr., Deputy Secretary General of the U. S. Mission to the United Nations, relative to certain allegations made by Ambassador of the Soviet Union PANTUSKIN to the Secretary of State concerning the arrest and questioning of VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV. On the afternoon of March 11, I held a conference with Supervisor Granville and the three special agents who interviewed GUBITCHEV, namely D. P. Garde, T. J. McAndrews and R. J. Lith. The allegations were taken up singly and comments relative thereto are set forth below. In setting forth this information, the log maintained by Agent Garde, plus the interview notes, were referred to.

1. "VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV was seized on a New York Street at 9:00 pm on the evening of March 4 by six unknown people and forcibly taken in an automobile to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the City of New York."

COMMENT

At 9:36 pm on March 4, 1949, JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINA A. GUBITCHEV were placed under arrest by Special Agent in Charge Edward Scheidt and Special Agent Robert R. Granville on Third Avenue between 15 and 16 Streets, New York City. Miss COPLON and Mr. GUBITCHEV were walking together at the time of the arrest. At the moment of arrest, Mr. GUBITCHEV and Miss COPLON were clearly and unmistakably advised that they were being placed under arrest by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Immediately following the arrest, additional special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrived at the scene of arrest to assist in the transportation of Mr. GUBITCHEV and Miss COPLON. Mr. GUBITCHEV was brought by automobile to the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York City, immediately subsequent to his arrest, arriving at the office at 9:51 pm. Mr. GUBITCHEV was accompanied to the office by four special agents. He was at no time under the restraint of handcuffs or other mechanical devices.

2. "Here he was immediately subjected to an interrogation until 11:00 am March 5.

COMMENT

Upon his arrival at the New York office of the Federal Bureau of I.

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Investigation, Mr. GUBITCHEV was searched, fingerprinted and photographed. Following the completion of this at 11:00 pm, he was advised that we desired to question him concerning his connection with JUDITH COPLON and his activities on the night of March 4, 1949. He was advised that he did not have to answer any questions, that he was entitled to secure an attorney to represent him and that if he did make any statements, those statements could be used against him in a court of law. Thereafter, Mr. GUBITCHEV was questioned until 2:37 am March 5, 1949 concerning his personal background, his association with JUDITH COPLON and his activities on the night of March 4, 1949. He refused to answer any questions concerning his activities on the night of March 4 or on his association with JUDITH COPLON. He freely and politely furnished details concerning his personal background. During this period, a list was prepared in his presence of the personal property in his possession at the time of his arrest. He verified the correctness of this list but refused to affix his signature thereto. The preparation of this list necessarily took up a considerable portion of the period between 11:00 pm and 2:37 am. The interview was further interrupted by recess at 1:30 am, at which time Mr. GUBITCHEV was furnished a sandwich and coffee. From 2:37 am March 5, until 11:00 am March 5, when he was arraigned in Federal Court, Mr. GUBITCHEV was not questioned. During this time, he appeared twice before Federal Judge Simon Rifkind, at 4:48 am and again at 6:36 am. On each of these occasions, the arraignment was deferred by Judge Rifkind because Mr. GUBITCHEV was not represented by counsel and to give him the opportunity to secure counsel.

3. "In the course of the investigation, such questions were put to V. A. GUBITCHEV as for example, where in the USSR he built military structures before the war and during the war; is he a member of the Communist Party; what does he know about concentration camps and 'forced labor' in the USSR; and does he consider possible a change in foreign policy of the USSR, and such like."

COMMENT

None of the above questions were asked of Mr. GUBITCHEV nor were questions of a like nature asked of him.

4. "The character of these questions shows that the interrogation of V. A. GUBITCHEV evidently pursued the aim of acquiring information about the Soviet Union of interest to the American authorities."

COMMENT

All questions asked of Mr. GUBITCHEV were concerned expressly with his personal background and with his activities on the night of March 4, 1949 and his association with JUDITH COPLON.

A. H. BELMONT, ASAC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON D. C. March 11, 1949

To: SAC, New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 9, 1949.

Re: JUDITH COPLON
VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, with aliases
ESPIONAGE - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 65-14932
FBI FILE NO. 65-58365
LAB. NO. D-95739 ET

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Two Letters dated March 8, 1949

Examination requested: Document - Cryptanalysis - Secret Writing

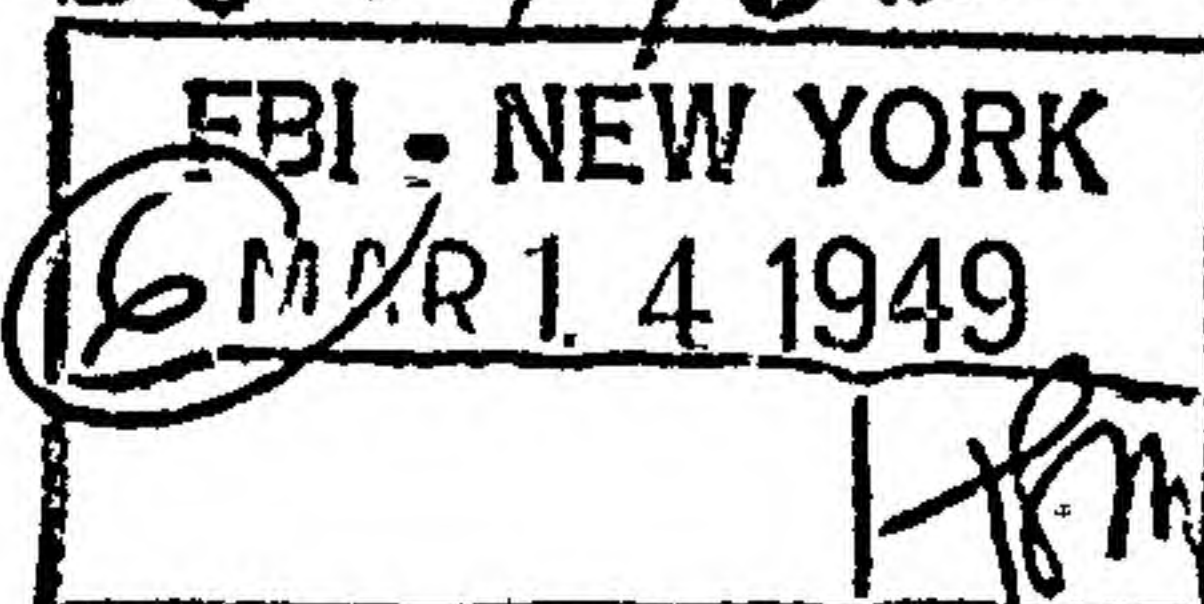
Specimens:

- Q44 Small black leather-bound book stamped in gold lettering "Marquette Diary 1949", bearing a few handwritten notations inside.
- Q45 United Nations Letter of Appointment dated "26 September 1946" to "Mr. Valentine Gubitchev, 158 West 106th Street (Apt. 4W), New York City, N. Y."
- Q46 United Nations application form P-11, bearing the typewritten address "Robert Fulton Hotel, 228 East 71 Street, N.Y.C. N.Y", and a partially erased typewritten name, which appears to be "VALENTINE GUBITCHEV".
- Q47 United Nations Travel Authorization and Travel Advance Request for "Valentine Gubitchev and wife (Lida Gubitchev)".
- Q48 Organisation Des Nations Unies form P/11, bearing handwritten notations in ink.
- Q49 Deposit slip of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company, New York, dated Feb. 9, 1949, for Valentine Gubitchev, in the amount of \$537.93.
- Q50 Deposit slip of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company, New York, dated Feb. 23, 1949, for Valentine Gubitchev, in the amount of \$382.75.

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- Q51 Blue form titled "Statement of Earnings and Deductions" bearing a group of figures, the second line of which is "03 1533 10731".
- Q52 Carbon copy of typewritten document in Russian, P/A No. 888, setting forth a list of funds.
- Q53 Portion of yellow bank statement, balance as of Feb. 28, 1949, \$1,537.43.
- Q54 White slip of paper approximately 3" x 5", bearing handwriting in pencil beginning "Facing Tile".
- Q55 Business card of Mozelle Furs, 32-34 Division St., New York.
- Q56 Blue order form #1926, of Burjac Sportswear, Inc., New York, for "V. Gubichev".
- Q57 White form printed in Russian, torn on one edge, bearing handwriting in Russian and the number "128".
- Q58 White form printed in Russian, bearing handwriting in Russian and the printed number "1046".
- Q59 Blue form titled "Statement of Earnings and Deductions" bearing a group of figures, the second line of which is "07 1916 27782".
- Q60 Check book of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company, stubs numbered 176 and 177 dated "Feb. 24, 1949" and "March 3, 1949" respectively, and made out to "Regent" and "Cash".
- Q61 Form F/10 of the United Nations, Bureau of the Comptroller, for Valentine Gubitchev, in the amount of \$1,188.50.
- Q62 Business card of Pine Luggage, 408 Eighth Avenue, New York.
- Q63 Business card of Saks-34th, New York.
- Q64 Business card of Macy's, Herald Square, New York, C. Henderson, Major Appliance Dept.
- Q65 Business card of Macy's, Herald Square, New York, M. Schreier, Men's Clothing.
- Q66 Business card of Levine & Smith, Inc. 22-24 Division Street, New York, bearing the handwritten name "M. Cohen".
- Q67 Business card of Russeks Fifth Avenue, New York, bearing the pencilled figures "11087 \$1200" and the handprinted name "J. Woolf".
- Q68 Business card of S. F. Hauswirth, 2800 Broadway, New York.
- Q69 Business card of Harry Dinkin, Men's Tailor, 64 W. 48 St.
- Q70 Business card of Peerless Camera Stores, Inc., 138 E. 44th Street, New York.
- Q71 Slip of white paper bearing the handwritten address in ink "216 East Broadway".
- Q72 Cellophane card holder containing the following (Q73-89):
- Q73 United Nations identification card for Valentine Gubitchev.

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- Q74 Service Department form No. 3612 of the Government Purchasing Commission of the Soviet Union in the U. S. A., bearing handwriting in Russian.
- Q75 Business card of Brenner Bros. 60 Division Street, New York, bearing the handwritten name "Sonia Starr" on the front, and handwriting in Russian on the back.
- Q76 Business card of George Schwartzman, James Felt & Co., 362 Fifth Avenue, bearing a handwritten address and phone number on the back.
- Q77 Order form No. 35 of Adelson & Segall, 96 Canal Street, New York, bearing handwriting beginning "Screwdriver 2.00".
- Q78 Receipt of Associated Group Optical Plan, Inc., New York, No. 3289-5 and 3290-5, dated 11/12/48.
- Q79 Identification card of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, for Valentine A. Gubitchev.
- Q80 Hospital Service Identification Card, Associated Hospital Service of New York, for V. A. Gubitchev.
- Q81 Business card of W. C. Williams Corporation (Edward Shindler), 224 West 49th St., New York.
- Q82 Small white cardboard receipt tab, bearing Job No. 017570.
- Q83 Business card of Adelson & Segall, 96 Canal Street, New York.
- Q84 Business card of Allen A. Belenky, M. D., 38 Central Park South, New York.
- Q85 Business card of D. Stefan 78 Mott Street, New York.
- Q86 Receipt No. H-18605 of Brenner Bros., Inc., for "Mrs. V. Gubitchev, 64 W. 108th St., New York 25".
- Q87 Business card of W. C. Williams Corporation (Edward Shindler), bearing handwriting in pencil on the reverse side beginning "16 E. 43 St. - Gary Utilities".
- Q88 Receipt No. B05106 of Norman M. Morris, 608 Fifth Avenue, New York, for "V. Gubitcher", dated "2-23-49".
- Q89 White sheet of paper bearing handwriting in ink beginning "Mr. Axel Nordin, Baggage Master.....".
- Q90 One box of Dillard's Aspergum containing 10 tablets.
- Q91 One partially used package of pale green mints.
- Q92 One cellophane hat protector.
- Q93 One Everfeed mechanical pencil, gray and black finish.
- Q94 One Parker "51" fountain pen, dark gray with silver finish cap.
- Q95 One blue package of dental floss, Walgreen Co., Distributor, Chicago, Ill.
- Q96 One wrist watch bearing the printing "15 jewels" and "Swiss Made" on the face, and "Fondacier Inoxydable 22" on the back.

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- Q97 Silver finish Hickox bar tie clip.
- Q98 Brown folding comb, stamped "Made in USA".
- Q99 Brown leather belt.
- Q100 Blue plaid cotton handkerchief.
- Q101 One pair blue sleeve garters.
- Q102 One spring-type collar holder.
- Q103 Book titled "All Thy Conquests" by Alfred Hayes.
- Q104 Black leather ladies' purse with gold-colored clasp containing the following (Q105-Q135):
- Q105 Small red leather address book, with the handwritten name "Coplon, Judith" on the inside front cover, bearing several handwritten names and addresses.
- Q106 Small black leather book, "The Excelsior Diary for 1949", No. E423/5, bearing several handwritten notations.
- Q107 Check book of The Lincoln National Bank of Washington, containing blank checks and several used check stubs, the first of which is to "The Hecht Co., 20.90, 1/25/49".
- Q108 Pass book issued to Judith Coplon by The Lincoln National Bank of Washington.
- Q109 Identification card No. A-5819 issued 1/29/47 to Judith Coplon by the Department of Justice.
- Q110 Social Security Card No. 088-12-6917 for Judith Coplon.
- Q111 Public Library card No. W36035 issued to Judith Coplon, good until May 10, 1951.
- Q112 Identification card of Group Health Association, Inc., No. 7225-x for Judith Coplon.
- Q113 Railroad ticket No. CF-42041, issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., between New York and Washington, dated March 4, 1949.
- Q114 Business card of Marianne et Fils, New York, bearing handprinting on the back, "Jean Constant, 357 West 52 St., N. Y. C."
- Q115 Enrollment card for Judith Coplon issued by The American University School of Social Science and Public Affairs, dated "9/25/47".
- Q116 Book of stamps containing 5 3¢ stamps.
- Q117 Book of stamps containing 24 1¢ stamps.
- Q118 Charge-plate #453495P-A-3 issued by The Hecht Company to Judith Coplon.
- Q119 Red leather French-type wallet.
- Q120 One pair of eye-glasses with light blue frame, in black case stamped "Manhattan Optical Co., 191 Canal St., N. Y. C."
- Q121 Black Sheaffer fountain pen.

- Q122 Box of Pond's Angel Face powder, shade "Tawny Angel", and powder puff.
- Q123 Black "Lido" comb.
- Q124 Black perfume atomizer.
- Q125 Mirror approximately $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Q126 Pink optical cloth on which is printed "Manhattan Optical Co."
- Q127 Emory board.
- Q128 Book of matches on cover of which is printed "Dial RANDolph 8000 ARCADE SUNSHINE 'Complete Cleansing'".
- Q129 Empty "Kleenex Pocket Pack Tissues" folder.
- Q130 "Pink Orchid" lipstick in case with gold-colored cap.
- Q131 Safety pin and two bobby pins.
- Q132 Key chain with 9 keys.
- Q133 Three soiled Kleenex tissues.
- Q134 Piece of elastic approximately 2" long.
- Q135 Small black cloth case lined in pink, approximately 2" square.

Results of Examination:

Specimens Q44 through Q135 were examined for the presence of microdots and for other types of concealed messages by methods which would not change or alter their appearance with negative results.

Non-staining treatment revealed no secret ink on specimens Q44 through Q135. Although specimens Q90 and Q91 could be used for the preparation of a secret ink, it does not appear likely that specimens of this type would be so used because of the availability of their components, namely sugar and aspirin, in more convenient forms.

It has been concluded that the handwriting on Q105, Q106 and Q107, which are COPLON'S address book, diary and check book, respectively, was written by JUDITH COPLON, whose known handwriting is contained in her Justice Department personnel file, listed in the Laboratory as K14. COPLON was previously identified as the writer of the questioned note removed from her purse, listed and described in the Laboratory report dated March 7, 1949 as Q39.

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It has been concluded that the handwriting "B. Morris" on Q103, which is the book entitled, "All Thy Conquests", was not written by JUDITH COPLON, K14.

It has been concluded that the handprinting on Q114, which is the Marianne et Fils business card, was not prepared by JUDITH COPLON, K14.

No conclusion could be reached whether the handwriting on Q111, which is the Public Library card issued to JUDITH COPLON, was written by COPLON, K14, because characteristics were noted in this questioned handwriting which could not be explained on the basis of the known specimens available for comparison.

The surname and the first name originally typewritten on Q46 had been erased. These names originally appeared as follows: -

GUBITCHEV
Valentine

A duplicate set of the four large keys contained on COPLON'S key chain, Q132, was made and have been retained in the Laboratory for any possible future use in this case.

A supplemental Laboratory report on the Cryptanalysis examination of the above listed specimens will be sent your office in the near future.

Specimens Q44 through Q135 were returned to you by special courier on March 9, 1949. Photographic copies of these specimens have been retained. It is noted that your letter listing the evidence taken from VALENTINE GUBITCHEV, listed on page four, one tie clip and also one tie clasp. However, only one tie clip was received.

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New York, New York

March 14, 1949

MEMO

RE: VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

At 11:30 am on March 14, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that GUBITCHEV was again brought before Judge Simon Rifkind at 10:30 this morning, the purpose of the hearing being to see whether GUBITCHEV would accept FOWLER HAMILTON as his attorney. I pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that HAMILTON was designated by the court as GUBITCHEV's attorney. There was much talk about it, with the judge endeavoring to explain the rules under which GUBITCHEV would be tried and the need for counsel for him on the premise that without counsel he would suffer in any hearing to determine whether he actually is subject to the laws of the country or whether he has diplomatic immunity. GUBITCHEV requested a translator and made a couple of speeches, the main one being to the effect that he had been snatched off the streets by unidentified persons and did not even know yet whether he was under arrest; that foreign diplomats in his country were not treated in that manner; that the whole affair seemed to be a comedy and presumably the inquisition of the middle ages. The judge then explained that apparently he did not understand what arrest was because he had been arrested and had been brought before a Federal judge immediately, at which time his rights were explained to him. The judge further stated that he had been given every consideration and that the proceedings had been explained to him step by step, and that under no circumstances should he regard the proceedings as a comedy. Judge Rifkind went on to state that he wanted GUBITCHEV to understand the seriousness of the situation with which he was faced and to be sure he handled himself accordingly.

Mr. Fletcher was further advised that Judge Rifkind then tried to get GUBITCHEV to say whether he would accept HAMILTON as his attorney, chiefly for the purpose of determining whether he had immunity. He explained how that would have to be gone into and GUBITCHEV said the court did not give him diplomatic immunity in the first instance; therefore, the court was not in a position to decide that. Judge Rifkind then advised him that while the court did not initiate many things, it completed them. Finally, GUBITCHEV said he would like to have a couple of days to think it over and the judge gave him until 10:30 tomorrow morning when he will again be brought before Judge Rifkind. Apparently, GUBITCHEV wants advice from TOLKONIKOV before he commits himself one way or the other.

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T. S. Miller TSM

MEMO
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March 14, 1949

Mr. Fletcher was advised that Mr. POWER of the UN was there and that I told him we would not answer his letter; that it was being handled in Washington, D. C.

It is noted that at 9:25 am on March 14, Mr. Fletcher called to ascertain whether JUDITH GOPLON was staying at her parents' home which is covered by a technical surveillance. I advised him that she was, up to the last time we had heard, and that we were checking on this.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

SAC, Washington Field

Director, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, WAS
ESPIONAGE - R

March 11, 1949

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MR. LADD
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MR. BELMONT
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MR. WATSON
MR. WOOD

An individual identifying herself as Miss Jean Branch, 20 Chesapeake Street, Southeast, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised on March 7, 1949, that "This Coplon case has intrigued me." She stated that at the present time there are a number of employees located in the "office proper - the white collar workers" of the Picker X-ray Corporation located, she believed, on Fourth Avenue, in New York City, with whom she has reason to believe Judith Coplon has been associated. She pointed out that in her opinion the Picker X-ray Corporation itself, which does a great deal of Government work, is a reputable concern but had "too many avid CC NY students who lean much too far to the left" working in its front office. She believed this Corporation to be a "formidable Semitic outfit".

Miss Branch did not know of anyone in particular with whom Coplon was allegedly associated but stated that she had reason to know Coplon was connected with various employees in the office proper of this concern.

The Washington Field Office should interview Miss Branch to determine if she has any information in her possession on which further investigation might be predicated.

Picker X-ray
300 4th Ave.

cc - SAC, New York

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VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, JUDITH COPLON, ESP R. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES
TODAY ADVISED THAT IN A DOUBLE MEANING CONVERSATION, LILLIAN RECHT,
WIFE OF CHARLES RECHT, FORMER USSR CONSULATE NYC ATTORNEY AND NEEDLEMAN,
AMTORG ATTORNEY DISCUSSED THE GUBITCHEV MATTER INFORMANT ADVISED THAT
CHARLES RECHT HAD BEEN CALLED TO WASHINGTON /POSSIBLY CONCERNING THE
GUBITCHEV MATTER/. NEEDLEMAN STATED THAT HE HAD TOLD "THEM" /PROBABLY
THE USSR EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE/ THAT THEY MIGHT BY WRIT OF HABEAS
CORPUS TAKE THE GUBITCHEV MATTER DIRECTLY TO THE SUPREME COURT, USA,
UNDER ARTICLE THREE SECTION TWO PARAGRAPH THREE OF THE CONSTITUTION
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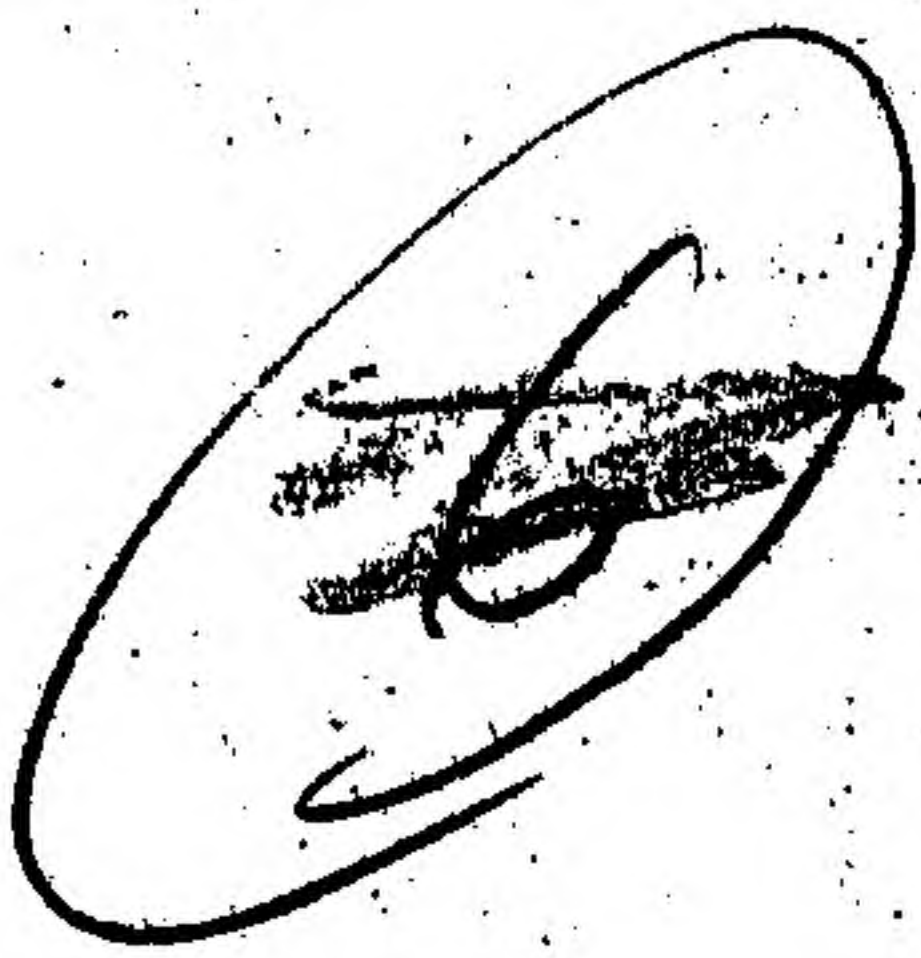
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New York, New York

March 14, 1949

MEMO

RE: VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

At 1:50 pm on March 12, 1949, I advised Assistant Director D. M. Ladd that Mr. T. J. Donegan had informed me that TOLLEKONIKOV, MORASOV, POWER, Donegan, a secretary and a translator had been present on the morning of March 12 during an interview with GUBITCHEV, at which time the Soviet representatives advised GUBITCHEV again that he was a Soviet diplomat; that therefore the Federal Court had no jurisdiction over him and he should resist any court orders.

While I was speaking to Mr. Fletcher on March 12, he advised me that a memorandum setting forth the information necessary to answer Ambassador PANYUSKIN's note to the State Department on the arrest of GUBITCHEV was being furnished to Mr. Peyton Ford of the Department on the afternoon of March 12. This information was based on the information we had furnished to the Bureau. Mr. Fletcher advised that the Department would furnish the information to the Department of State and therefore we need not furnish the information here in New York City, although we could advise Mr. POWER that the matter was being handled in Washington.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

cc - 65-14932 (Coplon)

AHB:CTC
65-14939

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 14, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW
FOLLOWING NAMED PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES ARE IN SUBJECTS ADDRESS BOOK OR ARE
KNOWN CONTACTS OF SUBJECT. GILBERT AND MARCIA LESSER; JOSEPH AND FLORENCE
MORSE; DOCTOR HAROLD PEPPARD; MORTON POMERANZ; SHIRLEY AND SIDNEY SAMIS;
HELEN SEIGEL; PAULINE AND MILTON BRAVER. ALL OF THE ABOVE RESIDE IN
NEW YORK CITY OR ADJACENT LONG ISLAND.

SCHEIDT

RRS

REB:MTH
65-14932

Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11-29 M

Per *[Signature]*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, N.Y.
March 14, 1949

~~SECRET~~

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU & WASHINGTON FIELD - URGENT

JUDITH COPLON. ESPIONAGE - R. NYT FIVE ONE TWO HAS DISCLOSED IN NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS OVER WEEKEND THAT COPLON DOES NOT INTEND TO USE BERTRAM ADAMS AS HER ATTORNEY IN ENSUING TRIAL. BOTH SHE AND BERT COPLON ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN THE SERVICE OF SOME PROMINENT ATTORNEY WHOSE NAME WOULD HELP COPLON'S CAUSE. NO DEFINITE ATTORNEY DECIDED UPON TO DATE. AS OF ONE TEN P.M. YESTERDAY COPLON HAD STILL NOT DISCUSSED THE FACTS OF THE CASE WITH ADAMS AND IT APPEARED THAT SHE WAS TRYING TO STALL HIM OFF UNTIL SHE HAD DEFINITELY OBTAINED ANOTHER ATTORNEY. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE.

TSM:MCF
65-14932

SCHEIDT

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11-46 M

Per [Signature]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N. Y.
MARCH 14, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

BUREAU
WASHINGTON FIELD....URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. REREP SA T. A. MENDENHALL, MARCH EIGHTH LAST, WASHINGTON, PAGES EIGHTY NINE AND NINETY REFLECTING COPLON TRAVELLED ABROAD IN SUMMER NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. SUGGEST BUREAU CONSIDER ADVISABILITY CHECKING WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH SOURCES AS WELL AS CIA AND CIC TO DETERMINE ANY INFO RE COPLON'S TRIP TO EUROPE. SUGGEST BUREAU CONSIDER HAVING BRITISH INFTS QUESTIONED TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE RE COPLON OR GUBITCHEV. IN EVENT INQUIRY DEEMED ADVISABLE, SUGGEST IT BE EXPEDITED.

CC - 65-14939.

SCHEIDT

RRG:IM
65-14932Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in ChargeSent 131 M Per Cji

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICENew York, N.Y.
March 14, 1949

CODE A

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU - URGENT

JUDITH COPLON. ESPIONAGE - R. ON MARCH TWELVE LAST SAMUEL M. COPLON'S
HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGED TO ULSTER THREE DASH SIX FOUR ONE SEVEN.
COVERAGE BY NYT FIVE ONE TWO CONTINUED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

Jm

SCHEIDT

RSM:MCF
65-14932

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Miss Pyle

Approved: _____
Special Agent in ChargeSent 1220 M Per DPN

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NEW YORK, N. Y.
MARCH 16, 1949

BUREAU.....URGENT

ANTORG TRADING CORP., INC. OF [] TODAY STATED THAT ON MONDAY,
MARCH SEVENTH LAST A MEETING OF ANTORG PERSONNEL WAS HELD AT TWO ONE ZERO
MADISON AVENUE. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS BUT SAID
IT WAS BUSINESS NOT SOCIAL. ABOUT THIRTY FIVE OR FORTY PERSONS ATTENDED,
NONE BELIEVED TO BE AMERICAN. THIS INFO FURNISHED AS POSSIBLE INDICATION
OF REACTION OF RUSSIANS TO ARREST OF VALENTINE GUBITCHEV AND JUDITH COPLOW
SINCE MEETING OCCURRED ON EVENING OF FIRST FULL WORK DAY FOLLOWING ARRESTS.

CC - 65-14932 ✓

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65-7471

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

March 8, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JUDITH COPLON

I was on duty from 9:53 PM on March 4, 1949 to 11:58 AM on March 5, 1949.

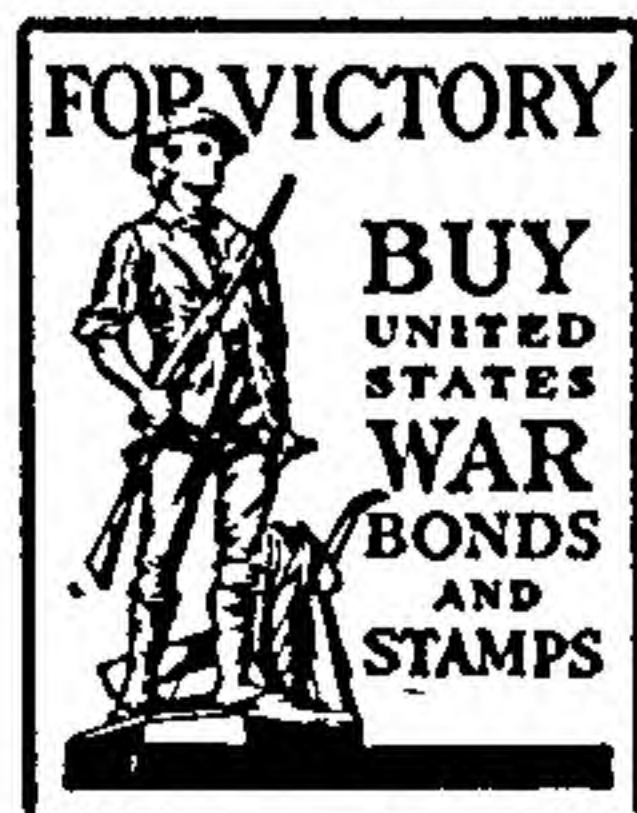
During that time I stayed with subject, JUDITH COPLON, and at no time was she left alone - either Miss Manos or myself was with her.

The above data is reflected in an individual log which has been submitted.

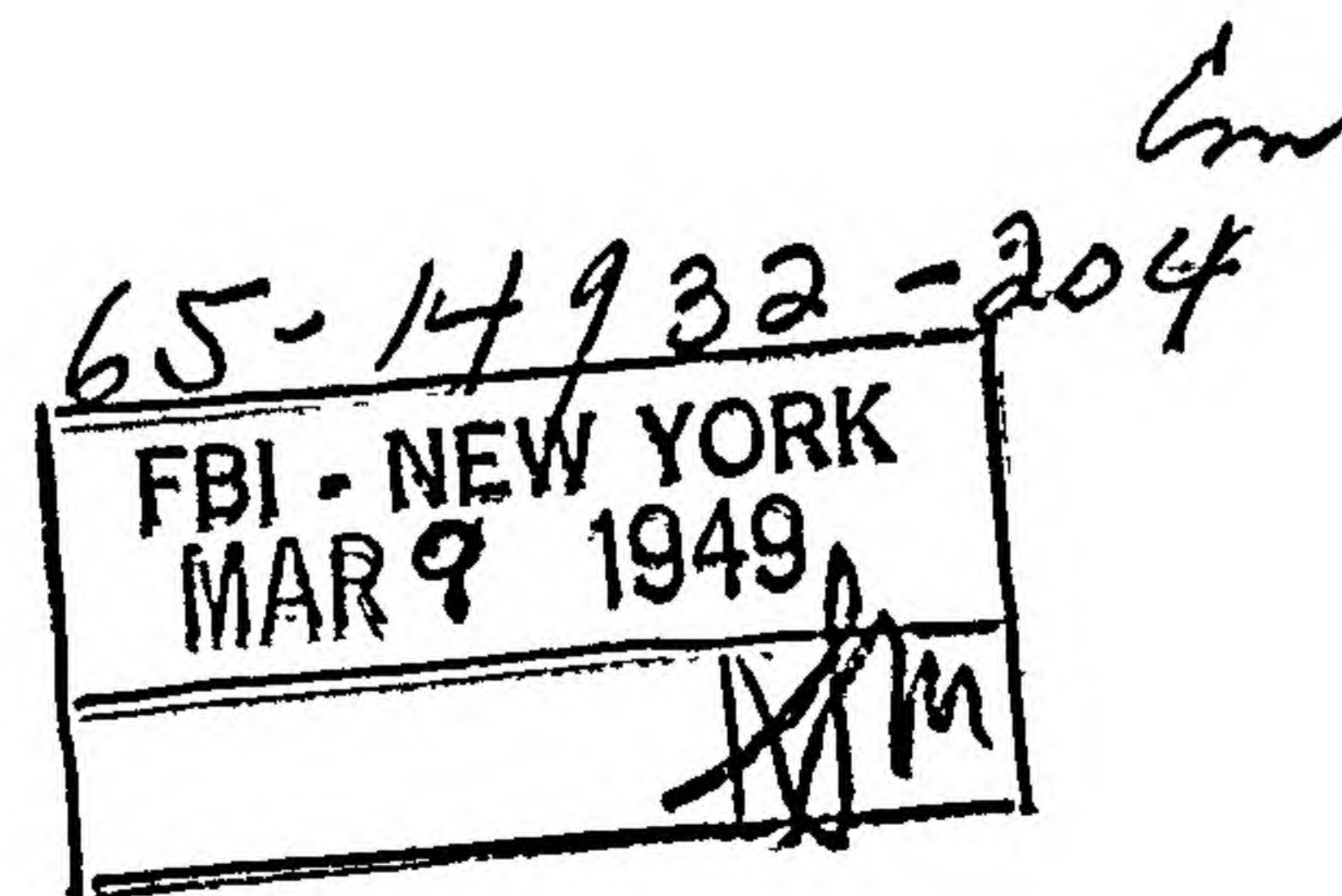
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GENEVIEVE A. CHARA
Registered Nurse

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

March 8, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JUDITH COPLON

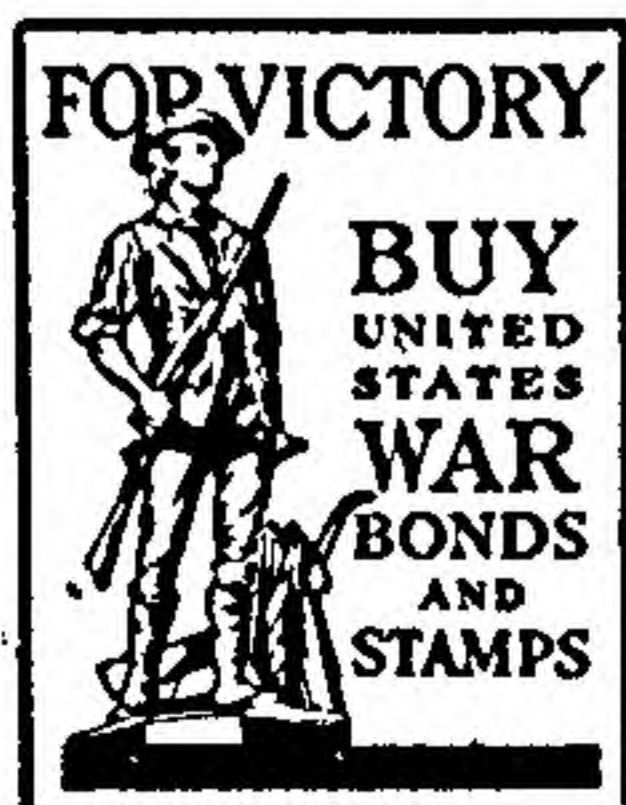
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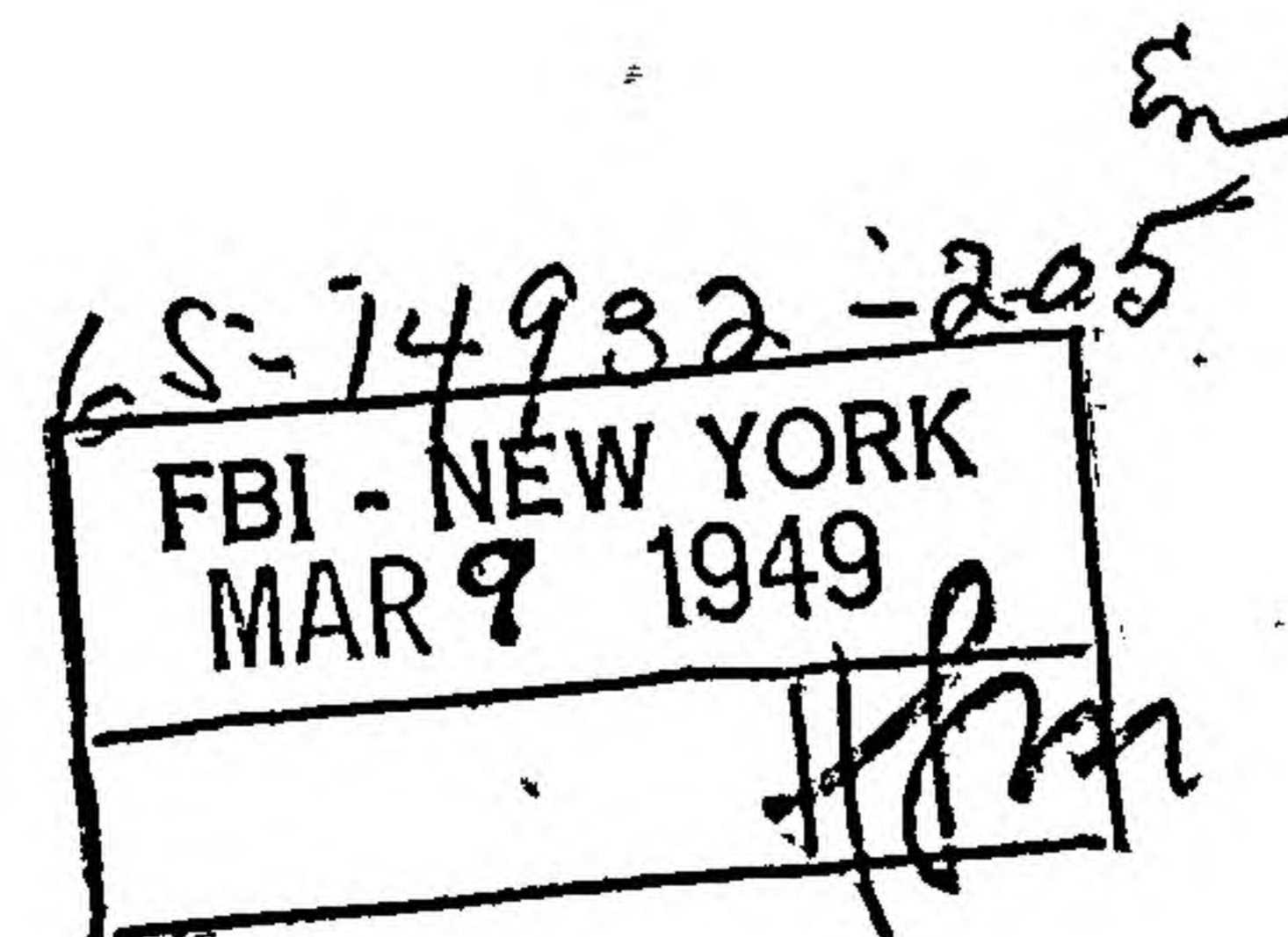
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Sappho Manos
SAPPHO MANOS
Chief Clerk

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**REPORT
of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.**

March 11, 1949

To: SAC, Washington Field

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 9, 1949.

Re: JUDITH COPLON
Espionage - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 65-5128
FBI FILE NO. 65-58365
LAB. NO. D-95778 ET

Examination requested by: Washington Field

Reference: Letter dated March 9, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

The following specimens are on 5" x 8" abstract forms used by the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice:

- K20 Original and 1 carbon copy of 1-page typewritten form headed "Napoli" and beginning "Con. Informant T-4 advised on Oct. 8, 1946..."
- K21 Original and 3 carbon copies of 1-page typewritten form headed "Novaya Zarya" and beginning "On Sept. 6, 1946, Jacob Lomakin..."
- K22 Original and 2 carbon copies of 2-page typewritten form headed "Novaya Zarya", 1st page beginning "On September 18, 1947, Source I...", 2nd page beginning "of four inches by five inches..."
- K23 Original of 1-page typewritten form headed "Novaya Zarya", beginning "On Oct. 11, 1948, Source L, a former Czarist..."
- K24 Original and 3 carbon copies of 2-page typewritten form headed "Novaya Zarya", 1st page beginning "On Aug. 13, 1948 Source O was...", 2nd page beginning "White Russian circles..."
- K25 Original of 2-page typewritten form headed "General Nicolae Radescu", 1st page beginning "See Bureau rept. dated May 15, 1948, Re:...", 2nd page beginning "exiled political leaders were..."
- K26 Original and 5 carbon copies of 2-page typewritten form headed "Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry", 1st page beginning "Kramar stated to the informant...", 2nd page beginning "The (Immigration) file further contained..."

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- K27 Original of 1-page typewritten form headed "Kramar", beginning "In connection with obtaining...".
- K28 Original and 1 carbon copy of 1-page typewritten form headed "Nicholas George Nicholas, w/a", beginning "Subject reported performing liaison...".

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It has been determined that the carbon copies, specimens Q25 through Q33, taken from JUDITH COPLON's purse on March 4, 1949 were prepared simultaneously with and are direct carbon copies of their corresponding typewritten originals obtained from Room #2220, Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C., as set out below:

CARBON COPIES OBTAINED FROM JUDITH COPLON'S PURSE ON MARCH 4, 1949

ORIGINAL COPIES (AND OTHER CARBONS) OBTAINED FROM ROOM #2220, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Q25	K20 (one original and one copy)
Q26	K21 (one original and three copies)
Q27	K22 (one original and two copies)
Q28	K23 (one original)
Q29	K24 (one original and three copies)
Q30	K25 (one original)
Q31	K26 (one original and five copies)
Q32	K27 (one original)
Q33	K28 (one original and one copy)

Specimens Q25 through Q33 were submitted to the Laboratory by the New York office with a letter dated March 4, 1949. These specimens are listed and described in the Laboratory report dated March 7, 1949 to the Washington Field office with copies for the New York office.

Specimens K20 through K28 are being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N. Y.
MARCH 15, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

BUREAU
WASHINGTON FIELD.

JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. RE PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS ADVISING BUREAU THAT
INSTANT MATTER NYC SET FOR APRIL FIRST. NY WILL PREPARE PROSECUTIVE
DISCUSSION WAS HAD WITH SAAG DONEGAN WHO STATED IT APPEARED TO HIM THE FOLLOWING
MATERIAL WOULD BE NECESSARY EVIDENCE IN TRIAL IN ADDITION TO TESTIMONY RE
PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES, SEARCHES AND ARREST: THE ORIGINAL FBI REPORTS SENT
TO DEPT WHICH WERE SUMMARIZED ON ABSTRACT SLIPS IN COPLON'S POSSESSION,
ORIGINALS OR COPIES OF ABSTRACTS IN HER POSSESSION, COURSE OF PLANTED DOCUMENT
RELATING TO NEEDLEMAN AS WELL AS KNOWN HANDWRITING SPECIMEN OF COPLON AND ITS
IDENTIFICATION WITH HANDWRITING ON NEEDLEMAN DOCUMENT, IDENTIFICATION OF
TYPEWRITING ON ABSTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS IN COPLON'S POSSESSION, THE DEPT
OF JUSTICE COPY OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN PAGE FBI INTELLIGENCE REPORT WHICH
COPLON MENTIONED AS NOT BEING ABLE TO OBTAIN, DEPT WITNESS OR WITNESSES WHO
WILL TESTIFY AS TO NATURE OF COPLON'S DUTIES AND HER ACCESSIBILITY TO FBI REPORTS.
SINCE SOME OF ABOVE REQUIRES SUBMISSION OF FBI REPORTS INTO EVIDENCE, BUREAU
WILL PROBABLY WANT TO TAKE THIS UP WITH DEPT. BUREAU SHOULD ADVISE WFO RE THIS
SO WFO MAY SUBMIT REPT SETTING FORTH MATERIAL NECESSARY FOR SUMMARY REPT.
REQUEST ABOVE BE EXPEDITED BECAUSE OF NEARNESS OF TRIAL.

cc - NY 65-14939

SCHEIDT

TSM:hjr
65-14932

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11-10 PM M

Per [Signature]

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MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. WHELAN
MR. COVIELL
MR. C. A. HILL
MR. L. J. HAZ
MR. J. A. HESSAULT
MR. J. A. HILL
MR. NOBLE
NIGHT SUPERVISOR
MR. QUINN
MR. RING
MR. SHANNON
MR. TUOHY
URGENT
CHIEF CLERK
PROPERTY CLERK
TRIAL DATE UNIT
SUMMARY

Director, FBI

March 16, 1949

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to New York telephone calls to the Bureau on March 11, 14 and 15, 1949, concerning the hearings on March 11, 14 and 15th in the above matter before the Honorable SIMON H. RIFKIND, District Judge, United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

Photostatic copies of the official stenographic minutes of each of these hearings have been made. One complete set of these minutes is being retained in the New York Office and one set is enclosed herewith for information purposes.

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*Stenographic minutes
retained in 65-14939*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
March 16, 1949

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

At 12:33 PM, in the absence of Mr. Belmont and SA Robert R. Granville, the writer received the following message from Leo L. Laughlin of the Bureau.

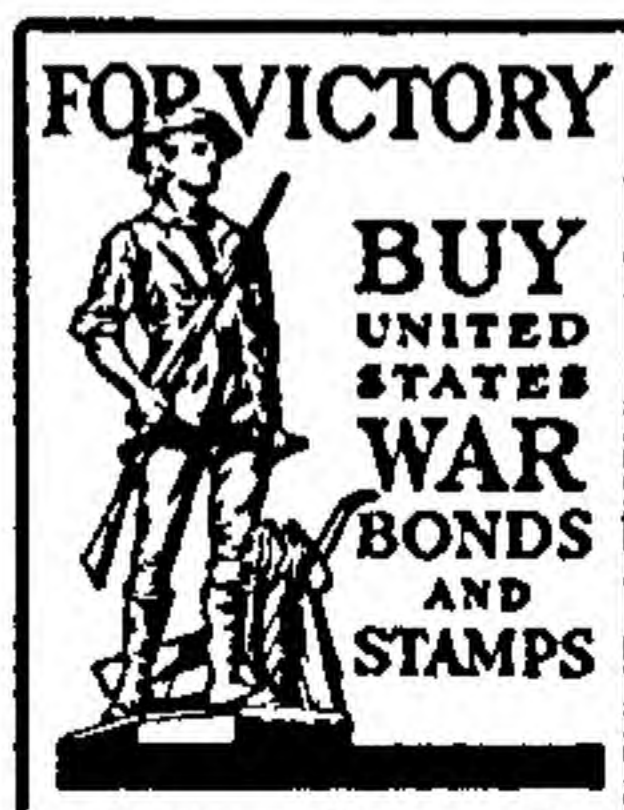
Mr. Laughlin requested that SA [redacted] report to Mr. WHEARTY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Room 2107, Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C., about noon on [redacted] and prior to seeing WHEARTY it might be advisable for SA [redacted] to stop at the Bureau.

Mr. Laughlin stated that Agent [redacted] will be expected to appear before the Grand Jury, District of Columbia, at [redacted]. Mr. Laughlin made no mention of the case involved but it is believed he was referring to the COPLON case.

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ROBERT L. SCHWARTZ, SA

RLS:IM
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FBI - NEW YORK
MAR 16 1949
[redacted] [signature]

SAC, Washington Field

March 16, 1949

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R
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Investigation at New York of Mr. and Mrs. MILTON C. BRAVER, whose names appear in subject's address book, reflects that Mrs. BRAVER, nee PAULINE HARGIN, was employed as a stenographer and secretary for the Board of Economic Warfare, Department of Justice at New York City from May 22, 1942. It is believed that she transferred to the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. probably in 1946.

An unreliable source reported that PAULINE HARGIN was secretary to O. JOHN ROGGE at one time.

Your office is requested to check Department of Justice records for background and loyalty information concerning Mrs. BRAVER, which will probably appear under her maiden name. Expedite.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N. Y.
MARCH 17, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU URGENT
WASHINGTON FIELD

JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. REBUTEL MARCH FIFTEEN FORTYNINE. MRS. JACOB POMERANZ ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HER SON, ~~MORTON~~ POMERANZ IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D.C. HIS RESIDENCE ADDRESS IS NINE THREE TWO EIGHT CAROLINA AVENUE, SILVER SPRINGS, MARYLAND, PAGE TWENTYTWO NY REPORT DATED JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT FORTYNINE SETS FORTH INFORMATION CONCERNING POMERANZ AS CONTAINED IN SUBJECT'S ADDRESS BOOK AND PAGE TWO WFO LETTER DATED FEBRUARY FOURTEEN FORTYNINE INDICATES COPLON INTENDED TO SEE POMERANZ ON HER NEXT VISIT TO NY. WFO SHOULD INTERVIEW POMERANZ IMMEDIATELY TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION HE HAS CONCERNING SUBJECT AND THE NATURE OF ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM.

SCHEIDT

REB:ED
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 337P M

Per *ci*

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NEW YORK
URGENT
FROM WASH FIELD
TO DIRECTOR AND SAC
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R.
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PAGE TWO

AT BARNARD COLLEGE AND BOTH SHE AND NASH SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED REGARDING SUBJECT-S ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES. STATE DEPT., WASHINGTON, DC, ADVISED MARY BOBROVICH, PAGE THREE ONE, WFO REPORT, NO LONGER EMPLOYED AND LAST RESIDENCE ADDRESS GIVEN AS SEVEN FOUR DASH NAUGHT FOUR WOODSIDE AVE., ELMHURST, QUEENS, NY. SUGGEST NY INTERVIEW HER REGARDING HER ACQUAINTANCE WITH COPLON. JOY GAIL RAYWID, IN INTERVIEW, ADVISED SUBJECT FRIENDLY WITH MARSHA FREEMAN AND CAROL KINGSLEY OF NY DAILY NEWS, BOTH OF WHOM ATTENDED BARNARD COLLEGE WITH COPLON.

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BUREAU ADVISED

HOLD PLS

MEMORANDUM

Re: JUDITH COPLON
VALENTINE A. JUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

On the evening of Friday, March 4, 1949, New York's famous Pennsylvania Station teemed with its usual throng of week-end travelers. Entering and leaving through its scores of entrances and exits were thousands of commuters mingled with the multitude of pleasure seekers arriving for a New York week-end and the host of Metropolitan residents who were leaving the bright lights of the world's largest city to spend a quiet week-end away from the bustle and confusion.

It was approximately 5:30 PM when one of the crack trains from Washington, D. C., pulled into the station. The train was 45 minutes late and that, too, was typical of a New York week-end rush hour. Among those detraining from the Nation's capital was a dark haired girl modestly dressed in a long black coat, wearing a gray, figured kerchief on her head and carrying a gold-trimmed black handbag, a book and a small, red, imitation alligator bag. She could have been taken for any one of the hundreds of "government girls" who make frequent trips to New York to visit family or friends. Her name was JUDITH COPLON and all but two of her fellow passengers from Washington were soon swallowed up in the mass of humanity circulating through Pennsylvania Station. Those two were SA's Dudley Payne and Thomas Wendenhall of the Washington Field Office of the FBI. A discreet signal received by Payne and Wendenhall informed them they were now "off duty". Unknown to her JUDITH COPLON had now acquired a new crew of "fellow travelers", a picked group of

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Special Agents and employees of the New York City Office of the FBI who were to follow and observe her on an exciting chase through the maze of Manhattan for the next four hours - a chase which would result in her arrest shortly after 9:30 PM in company with VALENTINE ALEKSEVICH GUBITCHEV, a Russian secret agent operating under cover of an engineering assignment with the United Nations.

For JUDITH COPLON was a spy! In her black handbag she carried a packet of papers containing confidential information gathered at her job in the Department of Justice which she intended to hand over to GUBITCHEV in direct defiance of the Internal Security Laws of the United States.

It was no accident that JUDITH COPLON'S activities on this important night of March 4, 1949, were being closely followed by the FBI.

A confidential source of the Bureau had revealed the probability that a person friendly to the Russians was actually working within the Department of Justice. By an exhaustive process of elimination the choice narrowed down to one possible person - JUDITH COPLON, a petite, attractive 27 year old Barnard College graduate who had been in the Department since 1943.

Her position in the Department was a critical one from the standpoint of national security, for through her hands passed confidential reports of the FBI, memos from the Office of the Attorney General and other government officials concerning Russian organizations, front groups and the many and varied organizations

of the so called satellite nations. Also, by virtue of the confidence and trust which she enjoyed after years of apparently faithful and alert work, she could easily have access to any information in the Department; probably even many of its most confidential operations. This was to be borne out by the material in her black handbag when she alighted from the Pennsylvania Railroad train on the late afternoon of March 4th.

Awaiting her arrival on the train platform were Special Agents R. E. Brennan, S. A. McGarr, W. F. Carey, J. F. Malloy, E. F. McCarthy, J. R. Murphy, J. M. O'Hara and Brewer Wilson accompanied by Miss Catherine Condon, attractive female employee of the New York City FBI Office. Suitcase in hand, JUDITH COPLON hurried up the stairway to the lower level of the Station where she found a public locker in which she placed the red bag. Boarding the escalator JUDITH COPLON was seen to glance somewhat nervously over her shoulder. She arrived in the 7th Avenue Arcade, one of the many exits from Pennsylvania Station, then paused briefly at a store window before proceeding out of the Station into the semi-darkness. Her progress through the crowded station had been completely covered by an ingenious, pre-arranged rotation of the agents who had taken up the surveillance on the train platform.

SA's Malloy, McCarthy and Wilson with Miss Condon had JUDITH COPLON under observation as she proceeded up 7th Avenue toward 34th Street. The other agents had returned to the Station where they met SA Glascock and Miss Irene Maloney.

Locker #1035 in which Miss COPLON had checked her bag was quickly opened by SA Glascock. A careful search of the bag was begun with the assistance of SA's Brennan and O'Ware, while SA's Murphy, Carey and McGarr hurried to Bureau Radio Car #199, which was parked near the Station and manned by SA J. M. Stolsenthaler.

Meanwhile JUDITH COPLON had crossed to the east side of 7th Avenue and walked north to 37th Street where she turned abruptly around and retraced her steps for a short distance and entered Weitzman's Restaurant. Miss CONDON quickly located a telephone booth and advised the office of COPLON'S location. All cars were notified by Radio Station WFBV and Car #200 was dispatched from Pennsylvania Station to that location.

JUDITH COPLON soon reappeared on the Avenue, crossed to the west side again and walked north pausing frequently to window shop. Upon reaching 42nd Street she turned west to 8th Avenue where she entered the subway entrance. Descending into the subway Miss COPLON found herself on the downtown platform and doubling back she inquired at the change booth for directions to the uptown platform. Then she again paused to window shop and also glanced furtively up the stairs behind her, apparently in an effort to see if she were being followed. Proceeding to the crowded platform she boarded an uptown train and while the three agents swiftly distributed themselves aboard the jammed train, Miss CONDON located a telephone and advised the office that JUDITH COPLON, adequately covered, was headed uptown via the 8th Avenue subway. Her call was received at 6:10 PM. All radio cars were so advised and Car #200 was directed to take up a position 7 blocks south of there.

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pected rendezvous at 193rd Street and Broadway.

While the train hurtled underground toward upper Manhattan a thoroughly briefed and strategically located team of Special Agents were waiting alertly at a number of prearranged points stretching virtually the full-length of Manhattan Island. For the actions of COPLON and GUBITCHEV, when their meetings had previously been watched by New York agents, and information received from Washington, D. C. had indicated the necessity for an elaborate but secure plan for covering this important meeting of March 4th. It involved the deployment of 28 agents and 9 cars equipped with 2 way radios in addition to 3 female employees, all under the personal direction of SAC Edward Scheidt with the assistance of Security Supervisor R. R. Granville. Operating the control radio station, WFBV, was Assistant Internal Security Supervisor H. V. Kennedy aided by SA T. J. McAndrews. All of these coordinating activities at the New York City Office were directed by Assistant SAC A. H. Belmont who was in direct communication with FBI Headquarters at Washington, D. C. throughout the operation.

The absolute necessity for such careful planning is illustrated by the unpredictable actions of COPLON and GUBITCHEV during previous meetings.

On January 14, 1949, at 4:50 PM, JUDITH COPLON had arrived in New York from Washington, D. C. and had taken her bag into the ladies room at Pennsylvania Station immediately after her arrival. Emerging without her bag, which she had

presumably checked inside, she had a snack at a Drug Store and spent a few minutes in a book shop before leaving Pennsylvania Station. Using the 7th Avenue subway she went to 191st Street and walked around this dimly-lighted residential neighborhood in upper Manhattan finally arriving at the corner of 193rd Street and Broadway. Following a ten minute wait on this dark corner, she was joined by a man unknown to the observing agents. They walked several blocks and entered the Deluxe Restaurant at 143 Dyckman Street. During the 50 minute period which the two spent in the Restaurant, SA T. Scott Miller was able to casually enter the restaurant and obtain a full and complete description of JUDITH COPLON'S companion. He noted that Miss COPLON fed nickels into the "juke box" constantly in an apparent effort to cover their conversation. After leaving the restaurant the two boarded the subway at 191st Street and rode together to 125th Street, where the unknown man hurriedly left the train, followed by the agents. After a further subway trip and taxi ride through Harlem, the man was finally lost in the vicinity of 116th Street and Broadway.

Immediately on the following morning surveillances were established near the Russian U. N. Delegates' residence at 680 Park Avenue and the Amtorg Trading Corporation at 210 Madison Avenue in the hope of identifying the man.

Shortly after 10 AM an individual, believed to be JUDITH COPLON'S companion of the previous night, was seen to enter 680 Park Avenue. From the photograph file of Russian officials in the United States, SA Miller selected 2 photos of one V. A. GUBITCHEV and subsequently GUBITCHEV was positively identified by SA's Brennan, Garde, Hradsky, Malley and Robinson, who had conducted the previous night's surveillance with SA Miller.

The long, holiday week-end from February 18 through the 22nd was the occasion for another clandestine meeting between JUDITH COPLON and GUBITCHEV. Here again the huge week-end crowds in Pennsylvania Station and the unforeseen delay in the arrival of Miss COPLON'S train from Washington made the surveillance extremely difficult.

Apparently scheduled to meet GUBITCHEV at 7 PM as she had previously, JUDITH COPLON rushed from the train at 6:20 PM on February 18th. As she dashed up stairs from the train platform the back strap of one of her shoes broke. Handicapped by the loose shoe but not delaying to repair it, COPLON checked her overnight bag in a public locker in the station and hurried through the arcade to the 8th Avenue subway station closely followed by R. J. Wirth, T. C. Miller, Jr., R. P. Wirth, R. W. Robinson and Thomas McAndrews, Special Agents, who were escorting Miss SAPEO MANOS, Chief Clerk of the New York Office. It was at the subway entrance where "Sweetpea" JOHNSON, ex-football captain and teammate of SA Robinson at Duke University, recognized his former side-kick and hailed him enthusiastically. Agent Robinson straight-armed the astonished JOHNSON and proceeded through the turnstiles on the surveillance. At this point, SA R. P. Wirth tapped JOHNSON on the shoulder and quickly informed him that Robinson was "working" at the moment. "Sweetpea" dazedly drawled "Are you-all FBI, too" and then speedily disappeared down the subway ramp in the opposite direction.

Jammed into the subway car in the evening crowd, Agent Miller stood next to JUDITH COPLON. As Miller looked over her shoulder she opened her handbag briefly for some personal article but long enough for Miller to see a folded sheet of onion skin paper with typewriting. In the light of later developments this might well have been what JUDITH COPLON intended to pass to GURITCHEV that night.

Leaving the subway at the 190th Street Station, JUDITH COPLON mistakenly boarded an elevator which carried her to Overlook Terrance on Washington Heights overlooking Broadway. Obviously confused she approached SA McAndrews who was arm in arm with Chief Clerk Sappho Manos and asked directions to Broadway. "I don't know. We're lost" said McAndrews. "Oh! God" she exclaimed as she agitatedly rushed back to the elevator. SA McAndrews and Miss Manos then abandoned the surveillance to SA's Robinson and Miller who followed Miss COPLON to the intended meeting place at 193rd Street and Broadway.

During this time Agents R. J. Wirth, J. H. Glascock and R. P. Wirth worked swiftly to secure her bag from the locker at Pennsylvania Station and open it. Inside was a sealed franked envelope with return address of U. S. Civil Service Commission and addressed to JUDITH COPLON at Washington, D. C. It was found, however, to contain nothing of value to the investigation.

Meanwhile SA Malley waiting in a car near that point had observed GUBITCHEV in the vicinity. GUBITCHEV boarded a southbound Broadway bus and Malley followed, at the same time advising the office by radio of GUBITCHEV'S position. He was joined almost immediately by Agents Kolar and Hradsky who had previously been dispatched uptown in another Bureau car and who overheard Malley's message. They took over the surveillance of GUBITCHEV while Malley returned to his original position. At 167th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue SA Kolar brought his car to a stop behind the bus in time to see an elderly man start across the street apparently not looking ahead. He walked into the side of the bus and fell bleeding to the pavement in line with the wheels. Kolar powerless to assist or even put the Bureau car in front of the bus to halt it shouted loudly. The driver quickly stopped the bus and Kolar drove off still on the surveillance.

Meanwhile, after missing GUBITCHEV at the meeting place, Miss COPLON spent 10 minutes in a cobbler shop having her shoe strap repaired and then wandered through the dimly lit residential area near the intersection, often stopping and circling various blocks.

During this same period GUBITCHEV left the bus on which he had been riding and boarded a subway at 168th Street obviously making every effort to assure himself that he was not being followed. He tried various ruses such as sudden stops, pivoting, periodically retracing his steps and searching the faces of passers by. In the subway station GUBITCHEV rode up on the elevator, got out, looked around and then boarded the elevator again and rode down to the platform he had left.

For security the surveillance of GUBITCHEV was dropped at this point.

The 7 PM meeting time had passed. Acting on the possibility that another attempt might be made by the subjects as was the custom of Soviet Agents in the past, the agents maintained the surveillance.

Almost on the stroke of 8 PM COPLON and GUBITCHEV met while walking on Broadway toward the intersection at 193rd Street. GUBITCHEV caught up to her from behind and they walked together a few paces at which time GUBITCHEV was seen to reach in front of her. The observing agents could not be certain but believed that something passed between them at that time. GUBITCHEV then stopped abruptly and watched as Miss COPLON continued walking, he apparently checking to see if she was being followed. Both JUDITH COPLON and GUBITCHEV then returned to their respective homes via different subways.

The stealthy and ingenious maneuvers employed by JUDITH COPLON and GUBITCHEV in effecting these previous meetings strongly indicated that a carefully mapped plan of surveillance would be necessary to cover the possibilities and emergencies which might present themselves on the all important night of March 4th. It was known that certain information had been deliberately channeled by the Bureau over Miss COPLON'S desk and Washington had advised that she had been busily typing late on the night of March 3rd, presumably briefing the tempting information. To complicate matters further, according to information received from Washington, JUDITH COPLON had remarked to her supervisor that she had to meet someone at 42nd

Street in New York and was also going to do some shopping. It was obvious to the agents traveling on the subway train with JUDITH COPLON that she had not contacted anyone at 42nd Street. As the train sped toward upper Manhattan the agents had good reason to review mentally the briefing they had received that morning.

The agents previously mentioned as being on the train platform at the time of Miss COPLON'S arrival had been instructed to take over the surveillance from the Washington agents there.

Miss Irene Maloney was to be stationed near the ladies room to cover JUDITH COPLON'S possible entry. Later she was to work with SA's Glasecock, O'Mara and McCarthy in examining the contents of COPLON'S traveling bag. Agent John Stolsenthaler had radio Car #199 at 7th Avenue and 31st Street while SA N. J. McDonagh was in Car #200 at 8th Avenue and 33rd Street.

At the scene of the expected meeting of GUBITCHEV and JUDITH COPLON, SA's T. S. Miller and Daly were in Car #194, Robert J. Wirth and R. W. Robinson in Car #195, Hradsky and Zoeller in the radio equipped truck M1 and SAC Scheidt and Supervisor Granville in Car #220. These cars bracketed the critical area. Stationed near the Deluxe Restaurant, 143 Dyckman Street, was Car #179 with SA Ralph Miller driving. If COPLON and GUBITCHEV headed toward this restaurant as they had done on the previous meeting, SA Raymond P. Wirth and Clerk Marcella Judge were to await their arrival in the restaurant. Agent Wirth had a Minox camera and would attempt to

photograph the meeting. Agent Miller would take them to any other restaurant should the subjects not choose the Deluxe.

Photographic Technicians Frank Schweitzer and John J. Murphy, Nurse Genevieve Chars and Chief Clerk Sappho Manos were on stand-by duty at the office, the latter to be matrons in case of JUDITH COPLON'S arrest.

SA's W. A. Kolar, J. V. Griffin and P. W. Zangle were in Car #153 near GUBITCHEV'S residence at 64 West 108th Street while SA's D. F. Jarde, J. J. Ward and M. J. McGuinn were covering GUBITCHEV'S office at 405 East 42nd Street.

The agents on foot surveillance were to turn COPLAN over to the agents in cars in the 193 and Broadway area. All personnel on the case were specifically informed of the absolute necessity for discretion even at the risk of a lost surveillance. Further, all personnel knew the private phone numbers of the radio room and the Pennsylvania Railroad police.

The final instructions concerned the arrest of GUBITCHEV and COPLAN. The authority was received and the problem was to witness, if possible, the actual passage of espionage material with the arrest to be made immediately thereafter. Obviously no agent or agents could be designated to perform this task.

The physical surveillance of VALENTINE GUBITCHEV began at 4:15 PM at his place of employment, 405 East 42nd Street, more than an hour before the arrival of JUDITH COPLON from Washington. At 4:50 PM GUBITCHEV was observed at the intersection of 42nd Street and 1st Avenue, walking west from the U. N. Offices accompanied by an unidentified man. The two proceeded to Lexington Avenue where they stood for a few

minutes before separating. It was immediately necessary for Agents D. F. Garde, J. J. Garde and M. J. McGuinn to discontinue the surveillance of GUBITCHEV due to the fact that he was continually glancing around and obviously appeared to be checking for a surveillance.

A few minutes after 6:30 PM JUDITH COPLON got off the express subway train at the 181st Street stop. In the crowd behind her were SA's Malley, McCarthy and Wilson. She walked up a stairway and, still underground, headed south toward the 181st Street exit. Suddenly, however, she reversed her direction and walked all alone toward the north exit. No other passengers had taken that way out of the subway and as she neared the exit JUDITH COPLON turned and looked back. Wisely concluding that to have turned and followed her would have aroused her suspicions, the agents did not reverse themselves, electing to allow her to reach the street unobserved.

Monitoring this information, WFBV ordered Car #200 with Agents Carey, McDonagh, McGarr and Murphy to 186th Street and Broadway. At 6:48 PM Car #200 reported Miss COPLON walking up Broadway nearing 187th Street. The minutes ticked by as she drew closer to the 193rd Street intersection, the scene of her previous contacts with GUBITCHEV. Between 190th and 192nd Street, she spent a few minutes in a small luncheonette. During her stroll up Broadway, JUDITH COPLON'S every action was observed by agents strategically deployed along the route both on foot and in cars. At one minute past seven, she had gained the appointed corner where she stood for 6 or 7 minutes looking around and obviously waiting for someone.

At this point every agent in the vicinity asked himself the question which undoubtedly was running through JUDITH COPLON'S mind, "Where is GUBITCHEV?". The tension mounted as she impatiently scanned the neighborhood. Suddenly she began walking south on Broadway. On two occasions she halted momentarily and finally stopped to peer into a restaurant window near 192nd Street. Soon, however, she turned and started back toward 193rd Street. Reaching the intersection she crossed to the east side of Broadway and after walking 30 or 40 feet beyond the northeast corner just abreast of Bureau Car [] which concealed SA's Hradsky and Zoeller, she pivoted and returned to the cigar and candy store on the corner which she entered at 7:18 PM.

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At this instant three blocks south, from a tunnel connecting with the IRT subway, GUBITCHEV suddenly appeared. He walked rapidly up Broadway to the drug store at 193rd Street. Unaware that Miss COPLON was in the cigar store across the street, he emerged from the drug store, stopped momentarily, glanced around and then walked a block back in the direction from which he had come. He then crossed to the west side of Broadway and stood at the bus stop.

Sixty seconds later JUDITH COPLON appeared on the street and after carefully looking around she began walking south on Broadway. Again the watching agents felt a heightened sense of drama as the subjects drew closer together. But JUDITH COPLON did not pause at 192nd Street and GUBITCHEV standing at the bus stop across the street appeared not to have seen her.

JUDITH COPLON under constant observation continued down Broadway to 181st Street where she crossed and entered Rickford's Restaurant on the southwest corner. In a theatre ticket line directly across the street, SA's Carey and Murphy while shuffling toward the cashiers' cage kept their eyes on the door of the restaurant. Each time they neared the cashier they would drop out and return to the end of the line. This was repeated until in a few minutes COPLON came out and walked up Broadway.

Meanwhile, 11 blocks north, GUBITCHEV in his usual cautious manner had allowed several south-bound buses to go by before finally boarding one. After riding only 5 blocks he left the bus and started walking south on Broadway. Now JUDITH COPLON was approaching him on the same side of the street.

Crackling over the radio from car #194 which now had both subjects in sight as they neared each other came the voice of Agent Miller. "This is it! They'll make the meeting in a matter of seconds!" Following a short pause charged with expectancy, the voice of Agent Daley, showing obvious surprise, broke the silence. "They passed right by each other! No contact was made."

GUBITCHEV had stopped, but COPLOM brushed by him, threw her head back toward him over her shoulder but never slackened her pace. Obviously surprised, GUBITCHEV hesitated an instant before following in pursuit of COPLOM. Overtaking her 3 blocks north he altered his pace to hers and walked beside her a few steps although no direct contact was observed. Almost immediately they veered away from each other and at 190th Street Miss COPLOM turned west up the hill. After a pause at the corner she doubled back to Broadway, crossed and entered the subway tunnel at 8:01 PM. GUBITCHEV, meanwhile, had continued north to Eagle Avenue and after circling a dimly lit residential block it appeared likely that he had caught a north-bound bus at Broadway and Ellwood at about 8:06 PM. In view of GUBITCHEV'S continuous checking for possible surveillance it was not possible to accompany him down the deserted street and onto the bus.

For the next 3/4 of an hour, the success of the surveillance rested solely upon the ingenuity and devices of one man, Special Agent John R. Murphy, Jr., who had been able to follow JUDITH COPLOM aboard the subway at 190th Street and Broadway. A 25 minute subway ride took COPLOM and Agent Murphy to the

busy Times Square Station and out into the milling, Friday night crowds on 42nd Street just west of 7th Avenue. COPLON lingered for a minute or two at the intersection and appeared to be waiting for someone. Soon she began threading her way through the crowds on the sidewalk up 7th Avenue toward 43rd Street. Immediately, however, she doubled back and returned to her original position at 7th Avenue and 42nd Street.

Seven minutes later COPLON began to casually move west on 42nd Street and Agent MURPHY quickly spotted GUBITCHEV sauntering along about 15 feet behind her. As they neared the corner of 9th Avenue and 42nd Street, GUBITCHEV passed her and broke into a run in the direction of a waiting southbound bus. Taking her cue from him, COPLON dashed along the sidewalk and made the bus immediately behind GUBITCHEV.

Darting into a 9th Avenue bar, Murphy quickly advised the office that both subjects were on Bus #89 moving south on 9th Avenue. The sudden and dramatic announcement over WFBV that Murphy had COPLON and GUBITCHEV located in mid-town Manhattan galvanized all cars into action. In a race against time in order to intercept the bus before the subjects could alight and lose themselves in the crowds, all cars headed for the West Side highway and sped south.

During the period when Agent Murphy was single-handedly maintaining the surveillance emergency measures were taken to cover the possible actions of COPLON and GUBITCHEV in the light of their previous performances. Car #194 cruised upper Broadway discreetly checking the restaurants where the subjects might have affected a meeting. Agents at Pennsylvania Station were ordered to keep a close surveillance on Miss COPLON'S locker in the event she returned for her bag. SA T. J. Wirth and Miss Marcella Judge occupied a centrally-located

table in the Deluxe Restaurant where COPLON and GUBITCHEV had met and talked
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on February 14, 1949. While all other cars were ordered to hold their positions
in the neighborhood of the original meeting place, Car #201 was sent to the
Pennsylvania Station area to cover possible activities in the mid-town section.
The radio announcement advising that both subjects were proceeding south in the
9th Avenue Bus caused Agent Garde, the driver of car #201, to swiftly alter his
course and within 5 minutes he and agents Ward and McGuinn were able to report
that they had picked up the bus and verified the presence of both subjects on
board at 22nd Street, though they were not sitting together. Three minutes later
agents in Car #199 reported they, too, were now trailing the bus which had reached
14th Street and 9th Avenue. Just as COPLON and GUBITCHEV disembarked from the
bus, Car #201 started across the intersection. In response to a shrill whistle
the car stopped and the three agents watched the approach of a traffic patrolman.
The subjects were also drawing near to the car and the radio was quickly switched
off. Hurriedly, Agent Garde briefed the officer, with the result that as COPLON
and GUBITCHEV passed the car, the policeman was delivering a loud and forceful
reprimand to Agent Garde for his "careless" driving and Agents Ward and McGuinn
were able to closely observe both subjects as they passed.

The downtown neighborhood where COPLON and GUBITCHEV left the bus
was very quiet and the sidewalks almost deserted. Standing on the southwest
corner of 9th Avenue and 14th Street, the two spent several minutes looking in
all directions. Crossing to the east side of the Avenue they again checked

carefully in each direction before walking east toward 8th Avenue on the south side of 14th Street. Before they had gone a dozen steps they stopped and scrutinized the neighborhood thoroughly for the third time.

In the interest of discretion, Agent John J. Ward took over the surveillance on foot at this point while the Bureau cars cruised the neighborhood. GUBITCHEV and COVACH continued across 14th Street to 8th Avenue where they entered the subway and boarded an east-bound Canarsie train. GUBITCHEV continued to look back frequently until the train left the station. Seven minutes later the subjects, who had been occupying separate seats, left the subway train at the 3rd Avenue stop.

On this ride only SA Ward maintained the surveillance. When the subjects left the train, Ward, for the sake of discretion, could not follow. A few minutes later he advised WFBV by phone and all cars were dispatched to the vicinity.

The cars raced crosstown to the spot and within a few minutes that busy area was the scene of feverish but quiet search.

First to spot them were SA's McCarthy and McDonagh as the subjects stood engaged in animated conversation at the corner of 3rd Avenue and 15th Street before they began walking north on the east side of the Avenue toward 16th Street.

Meanwhile WFBV had alerted all agents on the surveillance to the possibility that affirmative action might be taken momentarily.

9:35 P.M.: "WTSV to all cars. You are ordered to immediately arrest the subjects".

As these words were flashed over the FBI radio network, Car #220, containing SAC Edward Scheidt and Supervisor E.R. Granville wheeled from under the shadow of the 3rd Avenue "El" to the curb near the subjects. Moments later spy JUDITH COPLON and Foreign Agent VALENTINE ALEXSEEVICH SUBITCHEV were under arrest. The apprehension was made speedily but not without incident. Screams of "Kidnapping!" and, "What are you doing with that man" rang from the lips of a drunken woman who stumbled upon the scene. She was quickly calmed and sent reeling on her way by SA McGarr, one of several agents who had arrived almost immediately to assist in the arrest.

The arrests and preliminary searches on the street were made swiftly and without attracting a group of onlookers. COPLON and SUBITCHEV were escorted to the New York Office in separate cars, arriving at the U. S. Court House Building within one minute of each other.

New York, New York

March 17, 1949

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Director, FBI

Att: Assistant Director L.B. NICHOLS

RE: JUDITH COPLON
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone conversation with MR. NICHOLS on March 7 last during which he requested the preparation of a memorandum incorporating the human interest material and unusual instances which may have occurred during the surveillance and apprehension of JUDITH COPLON and V. A. SUBITCHEV.

The attached memorandum written in the style of an interesting case write-up has been prepared following interview of all participating agents and is submitted as being of possible interest and assistance to the Records and Communications Division. Also enclosed is a chart showing the surveillance routes around 193rd Street and Broadway.

Very truly yours,

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[Handwritten signature: J. H. J.]

LEWIS WHEAT, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, and Consultant to Office of Intelligence Research, Department of State, advised COPSON known by him since fall of 1944, as fellow employee of Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice. COPSON described by WHEAT as a person who knew Party Line and to have had experience in watching the Party perform but never mentioned any CP membership. WHEAT does not believe COPSON had any ideological loyalty to the CP. COPSON also described by WHEAT as emotionally unstable and needy. No strong friendships of COPSON known to WHEAT. WHEAT advised MARTIN [unclear] of National Lawyers' Guild, described as "fellow traveller" only clue to any CP connection of COPSON. Social activities and contacts of COPSON outside of Department not known to WHEAT. Only trips of COPSON were frequent week end trips to New York City and one tour of France in summer of 1948. COPSON had no financial troubles, to knowledge of WHEAT. In 1947, COPSON was displeased at action of WHEAT in discussing transfer from Justice to State Department. WHEAT believes COPSON had full access to everything in Records Division of Justice Department and possible for her to extract records at night. WHEAT considered his own position with Justice Department a "very special" one and extremely confidential. States no "situation" in Department of Justice or his work ever discussed with anyone. Only contact of WHEAT with any member of F.O.B.A. was with one "MARCEL"; on occasions

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when H.C.U.A. records were checked by NEMZER. No phase of Justice Department "situation" or work ever discussed by NEMZER with any person connected with H.C.U.A. or any other government agency. Source of H.C.U.A. information on "situation" in Justice Department may be STEPHEN NAMCHUR although NEMZER would be "surprised" at any discussion of Justice Department by NAMCHUR.

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DETAILS: AT COLUMBUS, OHIO:

Mr. LOUIS NEMZER, was interviewed by Special Agent RALPH BACHMAN and reporting agent, at his residence, 451 Loveman Avenue, Northington, Ohio, on March 7, 1949.

For the purpose of this investigation, this report is divided into logical sub-divisions, in order to facilitate the perusal of the subject matter, relative to the various topics of information obtained from Mr. NEMZER.

PERSONAL HISTORY, RESIDENCE AND OCCUPATION OF LOUIS NEMZER:

Mr. NEMZER advised that he was an American citizen, by birth, having been born August 15, 1913, at New York City. He is married, has three children, and is presently employed by Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, as an Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, where he has been employed since October, 1948. He lectured on American foreign policy in the Soviet Union. He was originally employed by the Department of Justice as a Consultant in the spring of 1941 and left the Department of Justice in the spring of 1947. He was employed by the State Department, Office of Intelligence Research, in May, 1947, and still acts as a Consultant to the Office of Intelligence Research of the Department of State.

Mr. NEMZER advised that he had also served as an expert witness for the government in several trials involving prosecution of foreign agents. He stated that he is an expert on Communism and the Eastern situation.

In connection with his employment by the Department of Justice, Mr. NEMZER stated that he had first worked for the Special Defense Unit with Mr. ALLEN C. SMITH and that this Unit later became the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department. Mr. NEMZER stated that he is able to read Russian

and that in his testimony in the trials in which he had participated, he picked out items of propaganda that could be used in the trial. Mr. NEMZER stated that he had worked on the case of the United States vs RAYFIELD BUSH, a Russian Agent, who had disseminated propaganda in the United States, without registering as an agent. He also did some work for the Department in connection with the case of the United States vs VON ZIATSKY, whose trial was held in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. NEMZER described VON ZIATSKY as a white Russian and the only other feature of the case he recalled at the time of the interview was the fact that a man named KUNZE was involved in the case.

INFORMATION CONCERNING JUDITH COPLON:

Mr. NEMZER stated that he first met JUDITH COPLON, whom he called "JUDY" in the fall of 1944, when she became an employee of the Foreign Agents Section of the Department. NEMZER said that he had received the impression at that time that she had previously been connected with the Anti-Trust Division of the Department before effecting her transfer to the Foreign Agents Registration Section. Mr. NEMZER said that he had not previously been acquainted with JUDY COPLON. At the time JUDITH COPLON became an employee of the Section, it was under the supervision of Mr. JESSE W. McKNIGHT. Mr. NEMZER described himself as one of the two Assistant Chiefs of the Section, who was responsible for the correlation of data on foreign language groups. He specialized in activity in Left Wing groups, during the period after the war. JUDITH COPLON came to the Section as a Junior Assistant and assisted NEMZER as part of her duties. She had no real responsibility at this time.

Mr. NEMZER said that COPLON had little proficiency in the Russian language but handled the French language very well.

Mr. NEMZER described COPLON as a "political sophisticate." He explained that JUDITH COPLON had a certain amount of sophistication about Left Wing groups. By this, he said that he meant that "one sometimes learns by being burned," that COPLON knew the Party Line, could interpret a Party operation, was able to analyze Party propaganda and seemed to have had experience in watching the Communist Party perform. Mr. NEMZER said that COPLON had never mentioned any prior or present membership in the Communist Party and, based on his association with her in the Department, he did not feel that she would have volunteered any information concerning any Communist Party connection on her part. Mr. NEMZER also said that he believed that COPLON was "the most accomplished actress he had ever known", if she were sympathetic with the Communist Party and that he would be "tremendously startled" if she had any ideological loyalty to the Communist Party.

Mr. NEMZER said that COPLON was a very industrious girl,

in connection with her work, but that she was emotionally unstable, greatly frustrated and moody. He believed that she had an active but not a first rate mind. He said that part of the work done by COPLON was to read the Daily Worker and other Left Wing publications and that on many occasions, he and COPLON "tossed jokes back and forth about the Communists" and that as a result of these exchanges of comments about the actions of the Communist Party, he did not believe that COPLON had any connection with the Communists.

Mr. NEMZER stated that he knew of no strong friendships that COPLON had and that he believed that she was a very lonesome person. He stated that the only knowledge he had of any social activities or contacts of COPLON outside of the Department were those occurring at several gatherings held at the home of JESSE McKNIGHT, for the employees of the Foreign Agents Registration Section. COPLON had visited at the home of NEMZER perhaps twice, during their association but the NEMZERS had never visited the apartment of COPLON.

Mr. NEMZER stated that the only clue that he could offer concerning any Communist Party connection of COPLON was her association with MARTIN POPPER, Secretary of the National Lawyers' Guild. NEMZER stated that he believed that MARTIN POPPER was a "fellow traveller" because he was always in Communist front organizations and had made strong pro-Russian speeches. NEMZER said that at the time he met POPPER, POPPER was one of the Attorneys for the Polish government and had had contact with the Department of Justice in connection with the registration of a motion picture concern, as a proper registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. NEMZER said that during the occasions that POPPER had contacted him, NEMZER, as a Polish Analyst of the Department, they argued politics and POPPER pressed him, NEMZER, very hard to get him outside of the Department at lunch and at social engagements. NEMZER stated that he always laughed these appointments off and advised POPPER that if he had anything to say to him, NEMZER, he could say it at his Department. NEMZER stated that he did not recall the exact date, but that on one occasion, he had some "very hot and unpleasant words" with POPPER concerning the registration of the motion picture concern referred to above; also that JUDITH COPLON knew of this. Nevertheless, COPLON later stated that she had talked with POPPER and had had lunch with him a couple of times. NEMZER said that he believed that POPPER was a very persuasive speaker and that taking into account the likely loneliness and emotional unstable condition of COPLON, it was possible that a man of POPPER's persuasiveness might have persuaded her to perform most any action.

JUDITH COPLON, to the best knowledge of Mr. NEMZER, was a single person. She resided alone in Washington, when first known to Mr. NEMZER and later, exact date unknown, she moved into some dormitory in

Washington but the address of the apartment was not known to Mr. NEMZER. Mr. NEMZER stated, in connection with friendships of COPLON, that she once mentioned two girl friends whom she had known in New York but their names were not recalled by him. She also mentioned her parents and a brother in New York.

Mr. NEMZER stated that COPLON was also known to ~~BERNARD S. MORRIS~~, who was employed by the Justice Department at approximately the same time as JUDY COPLON. Mr. NEMZER stated that he did not believe that COPLON and MORRIS knew each other before their association as fellow employees with the Department of Justice. BERNARD S. MORRIS is presently employed by the State Department.

Mr. NEMZER advised that JUDY COPLON was also known to ~~SISNEY BRODY~~ of the Criminal Division of the Department and that BRODY had had several strong arguments with COPLON but that these were of a personal nature, to the best of Mr. NEMZER's knowledge. Other than these arguments and personal differences, BRODY and COPLON apparently got along well together.

Mr. NEMZER said that ~~NATHANIEL LENDIN~~ of the Department of Justice had an office next to that occupied by COPLON in the Department but he did not know the extent of contacts between LENDIN and COPLON.

In connection with trips made by COPLON while she was associated with the Department of Justice, Mr. NEMZER stated that she made frequent week end trips to New York City, often leaving in the middle of Friday afternoons. Mr. NEMZER stated that these trips were made every two or three weeks and that he assumed that she went to New York to have contact with her early friends because she was such a lonely person in Washington. Mr. NEMZER also stated that he knew that JUDY COPLON had been making the trips to New York over the week ends prior to the fall of 1946, because, on one occasion, in the fall of 1946, he, NEMZER, drove to New York, with his family and COPLON suggested that her mother might be able to arrange hotel reservations for him. Mr. NEMZER also said that he knows that prior to his trip to New York, COPLON had been making regular week end trips there.

Mr. NEMZER also stated that in addition to the parents residing in New York City, he believed that COPLON had one brother residing there, who was a Dentist in the City. The parents and the brother were the only relatives mentioned by COPLON. Mr. NEMZER also stated that he recalled vaguely that on several occasions, COPLON stayed in New York over a period of a couple of weeks and that he believed these were on vacation.

Mr. NEMZER stated that in the summer of 1948, COPLON surprised him by stating that she was taking a conducted tour of France. Mr. NEMZER said that he was quite surprised by this statement because he knew that COPLON was attending the American University, working toward her Masters degree and that he had previously heard from her that she was going to take off the summer of 1948, for the purpose of writing her thesis. Mr. NEMZER said that this thesis was "French Propaganda in the United States During World War II." Mr. NEMZER stated that he was also surprised because she was taking a conducted tour of France and that he did not think that her actions "made sense." Mr. NEMZER stated that he saw COPLON in Washington after she came back from her trip to France, in the summer of 1948, just prior to his departure for Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of taking up his duties with Ohio State University. Mr. NEMZER stated that at this time, COPLON did not look very well and stated that she had spent her time in France making a "sight-seeing tour" of the country. COPLON mentioned no specific contacts, acquaintances, or friends that she had made in France on this trip.

In connection with this trip to France, Mr. NEMZER stated that the financial condition of JUDITH COPLON appeared to be unusually good and that when he questioned her about finances relative to her trip to France, she stated that she had sufficient money to pay for the trip. Mr. NEMZER said that at no time during his association with COPLON had she ever mentioned any financial difficulties or problems to him and appeared not to have any.

Mr. NEMZER stated that he had visited Washington, D.C., during the Christmas holidays of 1948 and that he had planned to contact his former associates in the Department of Justice. He spoke to COPLON on the telephone concerning a luncheon engagement but that COPLON "weasled out" of the luncheon and gave as an excuse the reason that she had to help locate an apartment for her Doctor. Mr. NEMZER stated that they talked on the telephone for a couple of minutes and that at this time, some discussion was had between them ridiculing the Communist Party, through some items that had appeared in the Press at that time.

In connection with the excuse used by COPLON relative to her assisting her Doctor, Mr. NEMZER stated that COPLON had apparently been treated by a Doctor for "female trouble" and had undergone an operation, during the past two years.

Mr. NEMZER stated that when he left the Justice Department, he had taken BERNARD MORRIS with him to work in the Department of State. At

this time, MORRIS and COPLON had been promised raises for some time. NEMZER said that prior to the time he had transferred to the State Department, COPLON had expressed her willingness to also transfer to the State Department, as requested, but on the occasion, when he had taken MORRIS with him to the State Department, she seemed to have changed her views about transferring from the Justice Department and he, NEMZER, knew of no explanation for this change. Mr. NEMZER said that shortly after he had gone to the State Department, he, NEMZER, had gone back to the Justice Department and had spoken to COPLON's superior, stating that he would take JUDY to the State Department with him if they did not promote her or give her a raise. Shortly thereafter, NEMZER received a telephone call from COPLON. During the conversation, she spoke to him "very sharply" and said things that a "lady would not say" about his interference in her affairs and stated that she did not desire to leave the Justice Department. Mr. NEMZER said that he attributed COPLON's reaction to this incident as evidence of her emotional state and did not answer her back.

Mr. NEMZER said that while COPLON was an employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, he believed she had full access to everything in the records division of the Justice Department and could obtain any record by simply phoning for the record to be brought to her office or by a personal search of the files in the record room. He said that after the close of the War, the personnel of the Foreign Agents Registration Section had been reduced and, as a result of the reduction in force, the remaining personnel had a great deal of night work and it was quite a common occurrence for the remaining personnel to work at night. Mr. NEMZER said there was no guard against taking out records at night and that it was possible that COPLON could secure these records and remove them. Mr. NEMZER said that he believed that COPLON could even secure data from the locked files of the Records Division because he believed that she had keys and could secure the files.

Mr. NEMZER, from time to time, during the course of the interview with him, repeatedly stated that he felt that JUDY COPLON was a very lonely and emotionally unstable person and that he could only attribute any action on her part to which she is accused in this investigation as due to her emotional instability and had no information concerning any connection other than as set out above in this report.

INFORMATION CONCERNING "SITUATION" IN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

Mr. NEMZER stated that to his recollection, he had, at no time, furnished any information or statement regarding any "situation" in the Department of Justice or the Federal Bureau of Investigation to any other government agency and to his recollection, any representative of any government agency or Department or to any member or representative of any house committee. He stated that he had never talked with anyone in the Department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any government agency in connection with JUDY COPLON or any leanings which he believed might indicate disloyalty. Mr. NEMZER stated that he had never talked with anyone concerning any leaks or indication of lack of security in the Department. He stated that when any question concerning any matters in the Department of Justice arose, it was handled within the Department and no comment was made by him to any person outside the Department other than his superiors. Mr. NEMZER stated that he considered his position with the Department of Justice to be a "very special" position and that he believed that his associates also considered their positions to be "very special" positions and that they were all extremely conscientious of the work and felt that it was highly confidential. Mr. NEMZER said that no discussion, to his knowledge, was ever had by him or any person in the Department concerning any pro-Russian or pro-Communist situation within the Department.

Mr. NEMZER stated that on several occasions, while he was associated with the Department of Justice, he had gone to the Committee room of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, for the purpose of reviewing records maintained by the Committee in connection with some of the subjects being handled by the Foreign Agents Registration Section. He stated that he had contacted an individual on these occasions by the name of "MANDEL" but that no discussion had ever been had with "MANDEL" or any other person connected with the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning any "situation" in the Department of Justice. Mr. NEMZER said that his visits to the record room of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were not frequent and that the only discussions he ever had were these discussions regarding individuals who had furnished information to the House Committee and whom the House Committee were interested in having the State Department of the government keep in the United States.

Mr. NEMZER stated that he could not recall any specific case in this connection but that he did recall that one individual was the author of "Out of the Night." Mr. NEMZER also said that he had never been approached nor had any discussion ever been had with him by any member of any House Committee or any person connected with any House Committee,

concerning his appearance as a witness before any House Committee.

In connection with any alleged "situation" in the Department of Justice, Mr. NEMZER said that during the early days of the war, there had been a Polish translator employed by the Department of Justice, named DON BROWSKY, first name unknown, who was finally forced out of the Department because of inefficiency. He stated that DON BROWSKY had done a "lot of talking" and may have written letters to the H.C.U.A. or other persons concerning the Department but that this was only a conjecture on his, NEMZER's, part.

Mr. NEMZER also stated that there was a Mrs. LANGLEY, who was employed by the Department of Justice and who was a "letter writer" who wrote to the Attorney General, stating that people in the Department were loafing. Mr. NEMZER offered this name as one of the few persons he could recall who might have transmitted information concerning any situation in the Department to outside sources.

On March 7, 1949, an article appeared in the Columbus Citizen, a daily newspaper published in Columbus, Ohio, concerning the investigation herein. A telephone call was received by reporting agent from Mr. NEMZER after the edition of the Columbus Citizen had been distributed and Mr. NEMZER stated that the March 7 edition of the Citizen in a story relating to instant case, carried an article with a date line of March 7, 1949, Washington, D.C. The pertinent portion of this article referred to by Mr. NEMZER was "Spy hunters have already lined up a Midwest University Professor for the role of starting (or startling) witness in the COPION case. The Professor's name is not disclosed. He once worked as a Consultant to the Foreign Agents Registration Office. He resigned in 1946 because he said the division was pro-Russian and pro-Communist." Mr. NEMZER stated that the foregoing release did not refer to himself but might possibly refer to STEPHEN NAMCHUR who was formerly associated with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice and had resigned about 1946 and appeared to be somewhat "resentful" at the time he left the Department. Mr. NEMZER said that he had last heard of NAMCHUR as a Professor of Sociology at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. NEMZER added, however, that he would be "surprised" if NAMCHUR had said that the Department or the Foreign Agents Registration Section was pro-Russian or pro-Communist.

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INFORMATION SHEET

Copies of this report are being designated for the New York Field Office in view of that Office's interest in this case.

Copies of this report are also being designated for the Detroit Office in view of information concerning the residence of STEPHEN NAMCHUR in Detroit. No lead to interview NAMCHUR has been set out in this report, that being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin herein.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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MEMORANDUM:

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE -R.

BERTRAM ADAMS attorney for JUDITH COPLON telephonically contacted the writer at 7:10 PM and advised that he had heard over the radio that JUDITH COPLON had been indicted today in Washington, D.C. He stated that he desired to surrender his client tonight or tomorrow to this office as the subject wished to spare her parents the ordeal of an arrest in her home. Mr. ADAMS stated he had contacted SAAG T. DONEGAN who advised him he did not have the authority to authorize the subjects surrender and that Mr. WHEARTY who is handling the case for the Dept. of Justice is presently in Washington, D.C.. Mr. ADAMS was requested to contact the writer later in the evening.

The foregoing information was furnished to Bureau Supervisor J. EARL MILNES who advised he would take the matter up with Mr. LADD.

MILNES recontacted the writer and stated Mr. LADD said that he did not know whether or not a warrant had as yet actually been drawn against COPLON and did not know what the Departmental attorney handling the matter wanted done in regard to the apprehension of Miss COPLON. He instructed that the Dept. attorney be contacted to ascertain the answers to the foregoing questions. MILNES was advised that R. WHEARTY the Departmental attorney is presently in Washington, D.C. and should be contacted there. MILNES later recontacted the writer and stated he had contacted Mr. WHEARTY who advised him that the warrant had not been issued today, would be issued tomorrow and non ested and then forwarded to New York for removal proceedings against COPLON. He instructed that if ADAMS was desirous of surrendering COPLON in Washington, D.C. he would be agreeable to this. He requested that Mr. DONEGAN be contacted to ascertain if the \$20,000. bond placed by COPLON in New York forbid her to leave the jurisdiction of the S.D.N.Y.. Mr. LADD requested that Mr. BELMONT contact Mr. DONEGAN on this matter. ASAC BELMONT contacted Mr. DONEGAN who then contacted Mr. WHEARTY in Washington, D.C.. Mr. DONEGAN then advised the writer that when Mr. ADAMS called he would speak to him. When Mr. ADAMS called he was contacted with Mr. DONEGAN.

Mr. DONEGAN then advised the writer that ADAMS had volunteered to surrender JUDITH COPLON in Washington, D.C. on Friday. Mr. DONEGAN stated he was unable to give approval of this procedure at this time and promised to see Mr. ADAMS in DONEGAN'S office in the morning when he will give his decision. ADAMS stated he was willing to surrender COPLON at any time but would rather do it Friday in Washington. Mr. DONEGAN promised him that COPLON would not be

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apprehended tonight or forcefully arrested in the near future.

Foregoing information furnished to Bureau Supervisor J. EARL MILNES and ASAC BELMONT.

A.J. McGRATH
Special Agent

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MEMO

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On the morning of March 17, I spoke to Mr. Leo Laughlin of the Bureau who advised that, according to Mr. Whearty of the Department, it is now anticipated that JUDITH COPLON will go to Washington, D. C., accompanied by her attorney, BERTRAM ADAMS, and upon arriving there at 8:30 am on the morning of March 18, she will call Mr. Whearty and arrange to meet him in the U. S. Court Room for the purpose of being arraigned on the indictment returned against her on March 16. Mr. Laughlin advised that Mr. Whearty anticipates asking a moderate bail.

I advised Mr. Laughlin that Attorney BERTRAM ADAMS had been in touch with me to learn the name of the agent whom BERTRAM COPLON might contact to secure access to JUDITH COPLON's apartment in Washington in order to pick up her personal effects. Mr. Laughlin was advised that Mr. ADAMS is being informed that he should contact Mr. Whearty in Washington for this purpose and that I would speak to the Washington Field office to secure the name of the agent who would accompany COPLON to the apartment and furnish this name also to ADAMS. I advised that we had previously discussed this with Mr. Whearty and that the above was in accordance with his suggestion.

Mr. ADAMS came to see me at approximately 1:30 pm on March 17, at which time he was advised that arrangements to go to the apartment should be perfected through Mr. Whearty when JUDITH COPLON goes to Washington on March 18. He was furnished the name of SA Tom Mendenhall, telephone Executive 7100, Extension 2171 (which had been furnished to me by Mr. Kenneth DeLavigne of the Washington Field office). It was stressed to Mr. ADAMS that the authority for any arrangements concerning this must be made through Mr. Whearty in Washington tomorrow, either by him or by BERTRAM COPLON.

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Mr. Laughlin advised
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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU, WRQ

JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REWFO TEL THREE FIFTEEN LAST REQUESTING NY
OFFICE TO INTERVIEW CAROL KINGSLEY OF DAILY NEWS. ON MARCH 17, 1965

A WOMAN TALKED WITH A MAN AT COPLON HOUSEHOLD IDENTIFYING HERSELF
AS GLORIA KINGSLEY, PHONETIC, A FRIEND OF JUDY'S FROM BARNARD
COLLEGE, ADDING THAT WHILE AT BARNARD, SHE WORKED ON ONE PUBLICATION
AND JUDY WORKED ON ANOTHER. KINGSLEY SAID SHE IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED
BY NY DAILY NEWS, AND SHE WANTED TO GET AN INTERVIEW WITH JUDY TO
PRESENT A SYMPATHETIC SCHOOLMATE STORY. THE MAN STATED HE WAS A
FRIEND OF THE FAMILY AND COULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF AND TOLD KINGSLEY
TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE HOUSEHOLD THE FOLLOWING DAY. KINGSLEY
STATED SHE LIVED AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE PRISON AND WONDERED
IF THE FAMILY OR ATTORNEY WOULD OBJECT IF SHE TRIED TO SEE JUDY AT
THE PRISON. SHE SAID SHE WOULD GET IN TOUCH THEN WITH THE HOUSEHOLD
LATER, BUT STATED SHE MIGHT COME OVER TO SEE THE PARENTS THE FOLLOWING
DAY. NO SUBSEQUENT INFO THAT SHE GOT IN TOUCH WITH COPLON FAMILY.
BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE NY WHETHER IT DESIRES KINGSLEY INTERVIEWED
IN VIEW OF HER POSITION WITH NEWSPAPER.

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Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

March 17, 1949

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
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On the afternoon of March 16, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau advised that JUDITH COPLON had been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Washington, D. C. on two counts, charging her with attempted espionage and with removal of government documents.

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MEMO:

RE: VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

The following investigation was conducted on March 17, 1949, by SA JOHN J. KENNELLY.

Mr. JOSEPH FRANK, Manager, Brenner Brothers, a retail specialty clothing store, located at 60 Division Street, New York City, made available to the writer a copy of sales slip number H-18606, bearing the name of Mrs. V. GUBITCHEV, and her address given as 64 West 108th Street, dated January 3, 1949.

He advised that under stock number 7129, the copy read "1 Stuart green coat," which coat he advised, to the best of his recollection, was a fur-trimmed beaver collar cloth coat. The coat was paid for by check, based on the credentials of Mr. GUBITCHEV who was also present at the time of the sale. The coat was picked up on January 9, 1949.

FRANK stated further, that to the best of his knowledge this was the first transaction that was made at the store with the GUBITCHEVS, and added further, that they sold a great deal of their merchandise to representatives of the United Nations.

As noted on the copy, the total price, as paid for the coat was \$173.15.

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Miss Sarah Meseroll
Hotel Willard
Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street,
Northwest
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Miss Meseroll:

Your letter dated March 7, 1949,
was received during the absence of Mr.
Hoover from the city and I am taking the
liberty of making this acknowledgment.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

✓ CC - New York, with photostatic copy of incoming.

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New York 7, New York

March 17, 1949

MEMO:

RE: VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

The following investigation was conducted on March 17, 1949, by SA JOHN J. KENNELLY.

VERNON TAYLOR, Superintendent of the apartment house located at 64 West 108th Street, New York City, advised that GUBITCHEV and his wife rented the apartment in which they resided at the above address as an unfurnished apartment. The apartment was fitted with the bare necessities of stove, sink, and refrigerator. TAYLOR stated that the subject and his wife, subsequent to renting the apartment, purchased a second-hand living room suit, plus a washing machine and a frozen food locker. TAYLOR stated they subsequently got rid of the washing machine and the frozen food locker, though he did not know where or how they disposed of them. Concerning the bedroom, TAYLOR advised that he had never seen their bedroom furnishings.

Continuing, he advised that GUBITCHEV never complained of the stove as furnished, nor did he ever mention getting a new one, or request a new one be installed. According to TAYLOR, GUBITCHEV appeared perfectly satisfied with the stove he had in the apartment.

TAYLOR advised that further information concerning the apartment house could be obtained by contacting Mr. ARKER, a realty agent representing the Irweis Holding Corporation, located at 1350 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

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FBI PITTSBURGH 3-18-49 5-00 PM EST SAM

DIRECTOR, SAC NEW YORK AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLIN, ESPIONAGE DASH R. DETECTIVE CAPTAIN JOHN REED,
 JOHNSTOWN, PA. PD, ADVISES GEORGE BELLACK, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER,
 ONE TWO FOUR FOUR MENOHER BLVD., JOHNSTOWN, PA., TOLD HIM SIGMUND
 MOROH, ENGINEER FOR CARNEGIE ILLINOIS STEEL CORP., ONE TWO FOUR
 FOUR MENOHER, JOHNSTOWN, ON MARCH SIXTH, LAST RECOGNIZED IN HIS PRE-
 SENCE A NEWSPAPER PICTURE OF THE SUBJECT AND REMARKED QUOTE THE IS
 MY COUSIN I HAVEN-T SEEN IN FOUR OR FIVE YEARS, UNQUOTE. MOROH
 THEN SAID IF SHE WAS SMART SHE WOULD GET A PLANE BACK TO RUSSIA.
 BELLACK REPORTED TO REED THAT MOROH MADE SEVERAL PHONE CALLS TO
 NEW YORK CITY AND LEFT TOWN SUPPOSEDLY FOR A BUSINESS TRIP TO
 BUTLER, PA. AND BELLACK SUSPECTED MOROH WENT TO NEW YORK CITY. NO
 INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY PITTSBURGH UNLESS ADVISED.

THORNTON

ENCORRECTION PLS EIGHTH LINE SIXTH WORD SHOULD READ

"SMART SHE"

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At 9:25 am on March 18, 1949, Mr. Leo Laughlin of the Bureau called to advise that the management of the apartment where JUDITH COPLON resided in Washington has received a letter from her, requesting that her representative be allowed to remove certain personal property from her apartment and locker. This, of course, is in accordance with a procedure already set up and known to the Bureau. However, this is the first time that the Bureau or the Washington Field office has had knowledge of any locker of JUDITH COPLON. Mr. Laughlin suggested that an agent should accompany whoever goes to COPLON's apartment in order that the agent may ascertain whether the contents of this locker are of interest to the Bureau. Mr. Laughlin advised that it has not been possible to determine which locker is COPLON's.

I advised Mr. Laughlin that we would attempt to secure the locker number and location from BERT COPLON. In the event we are successful in getting it, we will call the Bureau in order that the locker can be checked in advance. If we are not successful in getting the number, I advised Mr. Laughlin that the way was open for an agent to go with JUDITH COPLON's representative to the apartment.

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March 18, 1949

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MR. BELMONT
MR. WHELAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. KUHRIZ
MR. MARCESSAULT
MR. MOYNIHAN
MR. NOLAN
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MR. RICE
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. TUOHY
MR. WATSON
CHIEF CLERK
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At 4:15 pm on March 18, Mr. Fred Baumgardner of the Bureau called to advise that HAROLD SHAPIRO of the Department of Justice, who has been intimately acquainted with subject COPLON, talked to one ROSEN in Chicago shortly after her arrest. This ROSEN has now been identified as A. B. ROSEN, formerly head of the Civil Rights Unit of the Department of Justice. He is now a practicing attorney in Chicago.

ROSEN, during his discussions with SHAPIRO more recently, has indicated that he is friendly with Mr. Whearty of the Department. On March 17, ROSEN told SHAPIRO that ROSEN was going to be in New York this weekend and an appointment was made with SHAPIRO to meet him at the HARMONY (ph) CLUB in New York City. SHAPIRO left Washington, D. C. at 2:00 pm via the Pennsylvania Railroad to arrive at 6:00 pm in NYC today.

ROSEN told SHAPIRO that he wanted to talk to SHAPIRO before he talked to Mr. Whearty of the Department. From what could be gathered, ROSEN apparently is going to intervene for COPLON with Mr. Whearty.

Mr. Baumgardner advised that the Washington Field office has been tailing SHAPIRO but he is very tail conscious and they had to drop the surveillance. Consequently, they did not put him on the 2:00 pm train and are not coming up to New York with him.

Mr. Baumgardner advised that the Bureau wants the New York office to pick up the surveillance of SHAPIRO upon his arrival at NYC at 6:00 pm. We should see if he does meet ROSEN, attempt to place SHAPIRO in a hotel and cover his activities while he is in NYC. We should attempt to ascertain any telephone calls he makes and whether he attempts to get in touch with COPLON. SHAPIRO's home is in New Hartford, Conn. and he may go there. I inquired whether the Bureau wanted us to take SHAPIRO up to New Hartford if he leaves NYC. I pointed out that this would not appear to be the purpose of the Bureau's desire for the surveillance. Mr. Baumgardner advised that he would check on this but he did not think it would be necessary.

Mr. Baumgardner advised that the utmost discretion should be used in conducting the surveillance on SHAPIRO and that the surveillance should be lost before the agents should be made on it.

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Mr. Baumgardner advised that Mr. Whearty has been informed of this and thus is in a position to know the background in the event ROSEN attempts to contact him. Mr. Whearty is in Washington.

I advised Mr. Baumgardner we would like to have a description of ROSEN. He advised he would attempt to get the description of ROSEN, although he did not know whether this was available.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

Director, FBI
Attn: Identification Division
SAC, New York

March 18, 1949

JUDITH COPLON;
VALENTINE ALEXSEVICH GUBITCHEV;
COOPERATION WITH NEW YORK CITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is requested that photographic copies of the fingerprints of JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE ALEXSEVICH GUBITCHEV, which were forwarded to the Bureau on about March 8, 1949 be furnished this office, marked for the attention of Section 8.

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United States Department of Justice
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New York, New York

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RE: JUDITH COPLON
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MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. WHELAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. CHASTELLE
MR. SAULT
MR. SUPERVISOR
MR. TOLSON
MR. LADD
MR. NICHOLS
MR. ROSEN
MR. TRACY
MR. WATSON
CHIEF CLERK
PROPERTY CLERK
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At 5:20 pm on March 18, Mr. Baumgardner called back to advise that the Bureau's instructions had been changed to some extent. The Bureau now wants a full time discreet surveillance of SHAPIRO while he is in NYC. We should put him to bed and pick him up in the morning. The purpose of the surveillance is to cover his activities and persons he contacts or associates with. In the event he goes to Hartford to his home, we should take him up there and turn the surveillance over to New Haven agents on the same basis. When he leaves Hartford to come back to NYC, we should again pick up the surveillance. When he leaves to go to Washington, we should put him on the train and telephonically notify the Bureau. We should not surveill him to Washington. The same instructions as to the discreetness of the surveillance should be observed.

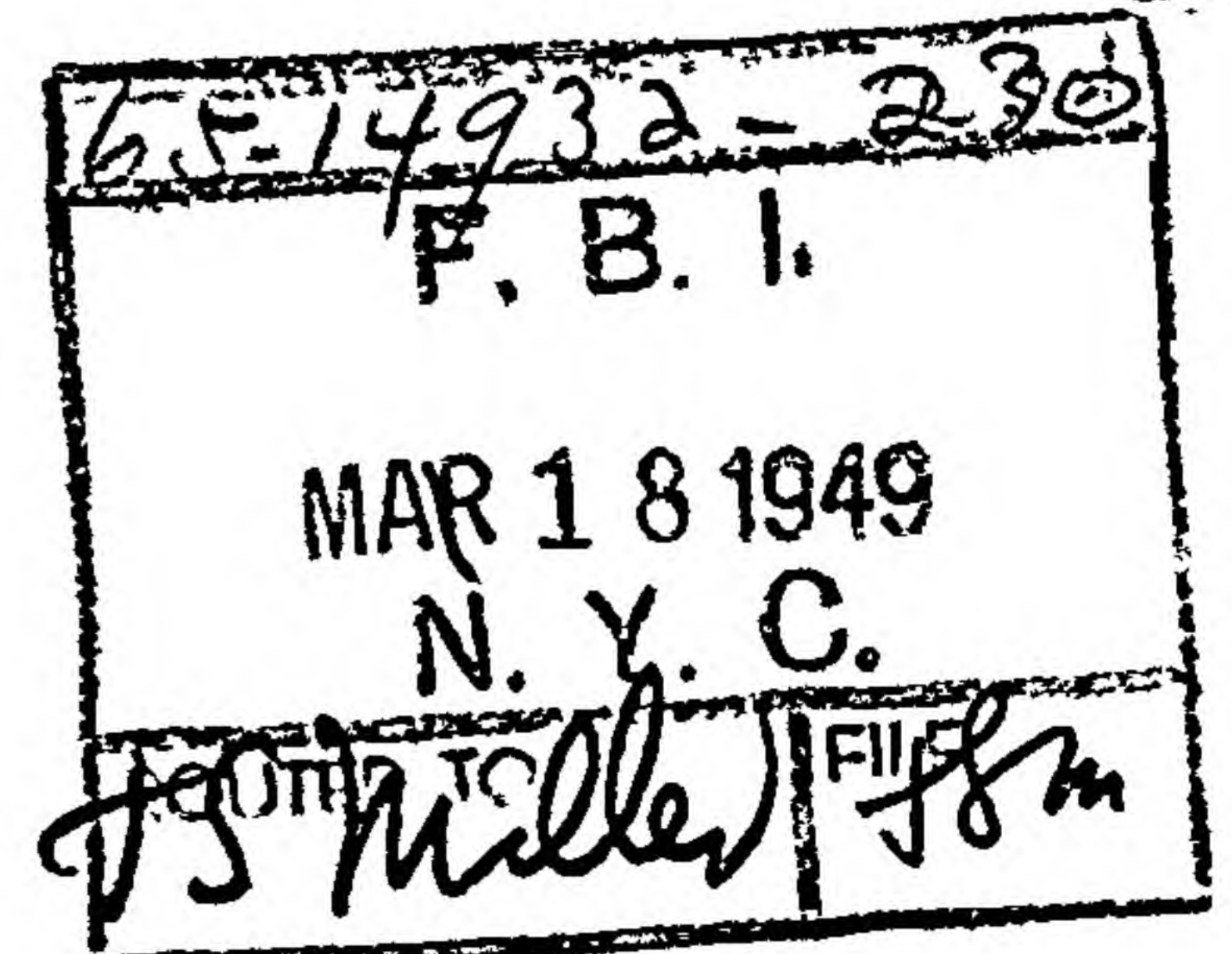
A description of ROSEN is as follows:

Age	33
Height	5'10"
Hair	Black wavy hair, parted in the middle
Eyes	Flashing dark eyes
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Nice smile with nice teeth; heavy dark eyebrows; slightly round shouldered with slight bulgy stomach.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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COMPLAINT FORM

Judith Caglan
Subject's Name and Aliases

Sam Goldenberg
Name of Complainant
55 Christopher St.
Address of Complainant

Address of Subject
Espionage - R
Character of Case

Telephone Number of Complainant
3/18/49 - 4:10 P.M.
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT:

Complainant telephoned with the request that an agent come to see him immediately on a matter concerning the F B I. When pressed for further details, he was decidedly uncommunicative and would only state that it concerned "Caglan".

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

Investigate

Let informant "Nat" Bop.

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Special Agent	
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New York, 7, New York

MEMO:

Re: JUDITH COPLAN
ESPIONAGE - R

Re memo ASAC A. H. BELMONT, March 18, 1949.

Special Agent T. S. MILLER telephonically advised this date at 5:45 p.m. the following:

HAROLD SHAPIRO arrived at New York at 6:15 p.m., March 18, 1949 and proceeded directly to the Harmony Club, 4 East 60th Street, New York City. SHAPIRO had a small overnight bag in his possession when he entered the club. After a short time SHAPIRO and a man assumed to be ROSEN came out of the club and proceeded to the Red Coach Grill, East 58th Street, New York City, where they had dinner (SHAPIRO left his bag at the Harmony Club.) After dinner SHAPIRO and ROSEN returned to the Harmony Club, where they remained for a short time. SHAPIRO and ROSEN (SHAPIRO had his bag in his possession) came out of the Harmony Club and proceeded to 370 Central Park West, New York City, (an apartment house) where both remained overnight. It was ascertained that a telephone is listed at that address for A. ABOTT ROSEN.

On March 19, 1949 shortly after noon SHAPIRO and ROSEN (SHAPIRO did not take his overnight bag) left 370 Central Park West, New York City, and proceeded by cab to the Squibb Building, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City. They entered the building (unknown floor) and after 45 minutes reappeared with a third man (unknown). The three entered a cab. (Up to this point at 1:10 p.m. all individuals surveilled were totally unapprehensive and exhibited no "tail-consciousness" -- the surveillance at all times was extremely discreet). Upon entering the cab the three seemed apprehensive and looked in various directions to see if they were being surveilled. However, no indications were given to them that they were under surveillance. The discreet surveillance was continued at about a four block distance behind, up to East 20th Street and East River Drive (Peter Cooper Village) where all three got out of the cab and talked in front of the building 521-51 East 20th Street.

The surveilling agents were able to take up a discreet vantage point and observe the three individuals who were acting apprehensive. The third man (unknown) entered the building, 521-51 East 20th Street, after shaking hands with SHAPIRO and ROSEN. His destination in the building was undetermined as SHAPIRO and ROSEN lingered awhile outside. SHAPIRO and ROSEN proceeded to

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MR. WHELAN
MR. COULIER
MR. CRANVILLE
MR. FETZ
MR. HACHESGAULT
MR. MCYNIHAN
MR. ROONE
MR. SUPERVISOR
MR. QUINN
MR. BLAG
March 20, 1949
MR. HOLY
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601 East 20th Street (Peter Cooper Village) and came out after a short while with another unknown man. SHAPIRO shook hands with ROSEN and the unknown man and proceeded to walk West on 20th Street. No attempt was made to continue the surveillance on SHAPIRO because of the apprehensive manner he displayed in looking behind him and expecting a surveillance.

ROSEN and the unknown man walked East to the East River Drive and both also acted in an apprehensive manner. The surveillance on the latter two was also dropped at this point. Utmost discretion was used in the surveillance and at no time were any of the principals involved aware of a surveillance. The surveillance in each instance was dropped in the interest of discretion. The surveillance will continue at 370 Central Park West, New York City, where SHAPIRO left his bag.

The foregoing information was telephonically supplied to Supervisor M. E. TORRENS of the Bureau at 6:15 p.m., March 19, 1949. In forwarding this information reference was made to the phone calls of Mr. BAUMGARDNER of the Bureau on March 18, 1949. Supervisor TORRENS was advised that a summary teletype would be sent to the Bureau upon the completion of the surveillance.

SA JOHN DENNIS O'CONNELL



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

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March 21, 1949

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
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MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
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On the morning of March 21, 1949, I spoke to Mr. H. B. Fletcher at the Bureau concerning the surveillance over the weekend of HAROLD SHAPIRO. I advised him that at 6:15 pm on March 19, the results of the surveillance up to that time had been supplied telephonically to the Bureau. I advised him that at 6:05 pm on March 19, SHAPIRO was seen to go into 370 Central Park West, which is an apartment house, and that SHAPIRO has not been seen since that time, although a surveillance has been maintained on the building. I advised that SHAPIRO had been very surveillance-conscious and, in accordance with the Bureau's instructions, we had played it carefully. He was advised that there were several unknown individuals that SHAPIRO met and that we will try to identify them. Mr. Fletcher was requested to ascertain whether SHAPIRO was back in Washington in order that we could discontinue the surveillance on the building if he is back in Washington.

Mr. Fletcher was further advised that [redacted] had reflected that JUDITH COPLON and an attorney by the name of ARCHIE PALMER (320 Broadway) are taking Flight #33, Eastern Airlines, leaving New York City at 9:15 am on March 21. COPLON will be under the name of HELEN CLARK. A check of this flight reflected that it will arrive in Washington, D. C. at 10:31 am on March 21 and that PALMER and HELEN CLARK are actually aboard.

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[redacted] further reflected that PALMER instructed COPLON to take a blank check to pay the attorney in Washington, D. C. BERT COPLON was sick and is not going to Washington but he indicated that he had raised \$7,000 of the contemplated \$10,000 bail and expects to get the other \$3,000. Mr. Fletcher was advised that we did not know whether BERT COPLON got the \$10,000 figure but may have got it from Donegan or Whearty. Mr. Fletcher was further advised that we had ascertained that both PALMER and COPLON had return reservations on Flight #36, Eastern Airlines, leaving Washington at 4:00 pm on March 21 and arriving at LaGuardia Field at 5:16 pm.

Mr. Fletcher was further advised that over the weekend there were several contacts between the Russians in Washington, D. C. and in New York City. Interest was expressed in the rules and regulations regarding consulates in the United States, both in the Russian and English languages. It was noted that PANYUSHKIN wanted GUBITCHEV's passport brought to Washington.

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D. C. by someone with diplomatic status. On the afternoon of March 20, TOLOKONNIKOV from Washington spoke to MORISOV in New York City to get the wording of Section 3, Paragraph 7, of the Immigration Act of May 26, 1924 which describes immunities afforded foreign personnel.

At 10:00 am on March 21, Mr. Fletcher called back to advise that SHAPIRO was at his desk in the Department of Justice. Consequently, the surveillance of the building at 370 Central Park West is being discontinued at once.

The results of the surveillance should be verified by teletype as well as the other information contained in this memorandum.

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Done 3/21/49

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC



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United States Department of Justice

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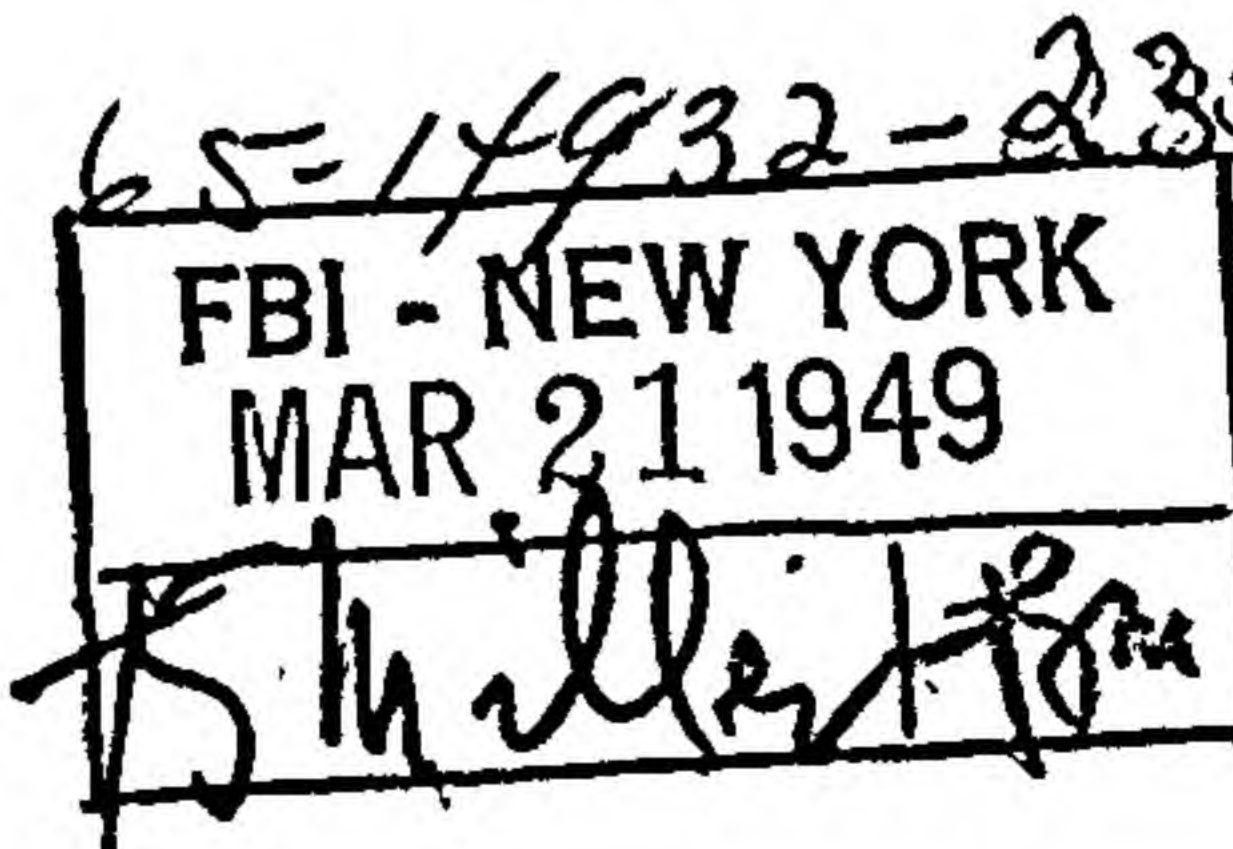
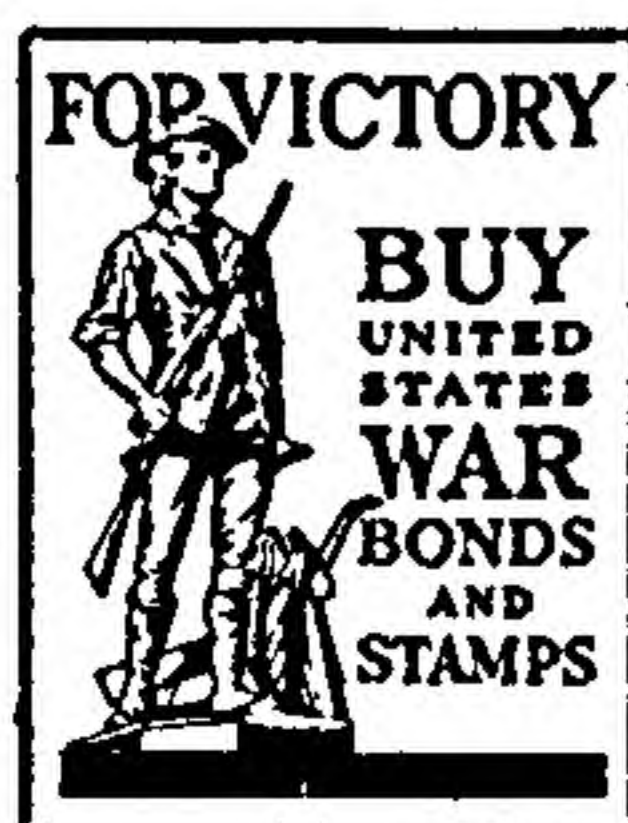
RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

With reference to the telephone call of Mr. Laughlin of the Bureau to ASAC Belmont, March 18, 1949, concerning the location of JUDITH COPLON'S locker in McLean Gardens, I telephoned Washington Field and spoke to SA Joe R. Craig. I requested Craig to ascertain from Supervisor Delavigne if it would be possible to obtain the location and number of the locker from the superintendent at McLean Gardens since at the present time we had no justifiable reason to contact BERT COPLON and that we felt that it would be too obvious if we contacted him along these lines at this time.

Mr. Craig stated he would check with Mr. Delavigne and see that we were informed concerning the action to be taken.

HAROLD V. KENNEDY, SA

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RE: JUDITH COPLON
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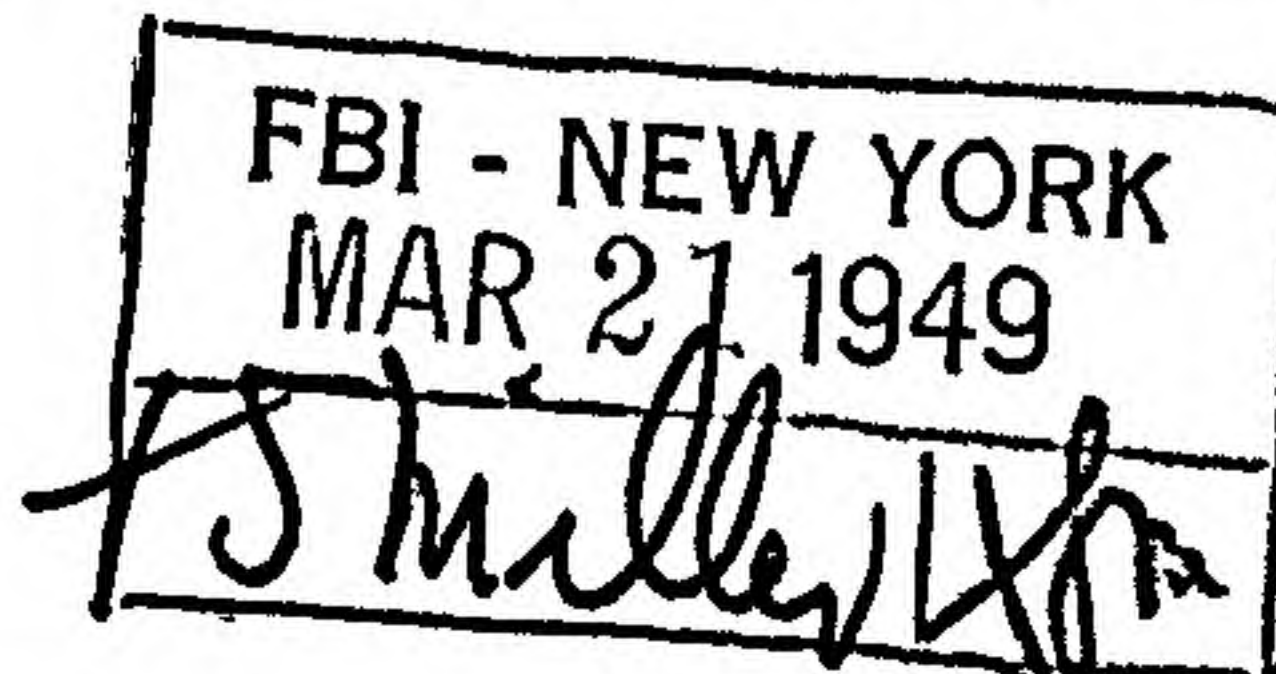
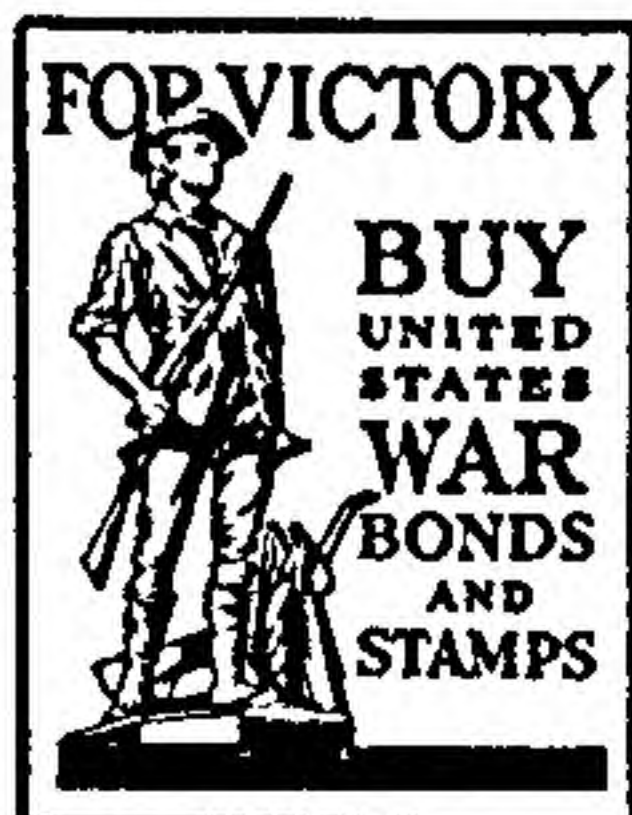
At 2:30 PM, March 18, 1949, Mr. Delavigne of the WFO called in answer to my telephone call earlier in the morning. He stated that WFO had determined JUDITH COPLON had a locker since she had communicated with the management of McLean Gardens stating that her representative would call for her belongings at her apartment and locker prior to April 1st. He said it was not feasible for WFO agents to go to McLean Gardens to determine which locker was COPLON'S and that the management of McLean Gardens had informed them that they had misplaced their records of locker assignments and could not definitely state which one belonged to COPLON. I told him we had all of COPLON'S keys and that if necessary we could send them to him. He stated he would not recommend this since the young girls living in this building were in such a state of excitement over COPLON'S arrest he felt that too much attention would be drawn to agents going to her locker.

Mr. Delavigne suggested that since BERT COPLON is proceeding to Washington Monday and intends to get in touch with SA Tom Mendenhall of the WFO, the latter will undoubtedly accompany BERT COPLON to McLean Gardens and at that time Mendenhall can ascertain the contents of the locker.

I brought the foregoing to Mr. Belmont's attention and he stated he would advise the Bureau.

HAROLD V. KENNEDY, SA

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MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

On the morning of March 21, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called to inquire whether we had the key for JUDITH COPLON's locker at her apartment in Washington, D. C. I advised him that we had a number of keys but they did not appear to be to a locker; further, that we had been in touch with the Washington Field office on March 18 to inquire whether they wanted these keys and they did not believe they would be of assistance to them there. On the afternoon of March 21, Mr. Fletcher called to advise that JUDITH COPLON had made \$10,000 bail at the time of her arraignment in Washington, D. C. today, \$7,000 by check and \$3,000 in cash. He did not know whether she had gone to her apartment in Washington but thought it unlikely inasmuch as she was due to leave Washington by plane at 4:00 pm.

A. H. BELMONT
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850 Raymond Boulevard
Newark 5, New Jersey

March 13, 1949

Hon. Judge Simon H. Rifkind
Federal Building
Christopher Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rifkind:

This is in regard to Judith Coplon, Department of Justice, Analyst who was released on bail due to her committing espionage against United States form of government.

I, as a former employee of Foreign Agents Registration Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice worked with Miss Coplon and saw her take and destroy confidential and secret documents pertaining to the welfare and security of her country. Certain folders were taken from files home during War time. Confidential and secret material was taken from Office of Strategic Services without going thru the regular office routine information pertaining to statistical data on railroads; took certain transcribed material from files not related to her field with her; material was taken from files which was analyzed by other analysts.

Her co-workers whom she conversed were the chief factors in bringing Israeli form of government in Palestine. Analyst was deeply critical on foreign Catholic agents who had no bearing as to subversive attitude in certain documentary work which they submitted to Justice Department. Information was taken from files and published in book form. Material analyzed and drafted by one woman attorney was taken from files who later was confined.

Majority of the employees in Foreign Agents Registration Section had all leanings toward Communism as Form 57 in Federal Civil Service Commission would indicate certain derogatory character reputation as to loyalty in holding a Federal job. All conversation in that particular section no doubt were recorded and could be proven as to above statements made by me.

Tapped telephone conversations in Department of Justice to all departmental superiors every day would indicate certain suspicion as to character and loyalty of individual relating to their particular assignment.

I was recommended to higher position prior to Analyst committing espionage but due to her jealousy had to be molested, tortured and tormented to prove loyalty and faithfulness to my country for three years now. I could have done tremendous amount

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of work among our Foreign Agents in bringing closer relationship within among foreign agents who published certain items in foreign papers.

Hoping the above information might help you men out in bringing our freedom and democracy as of 1776.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ADELE MILLER

Adele Miller

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Edward Scheidt
Special Agent-In-Charge, New York Office, FBI
DATE: M
FROM : Thomas J. Donegan
Special Assistant to the Attorney General
SUBJECT: United States v. Gubitchev, et al. Espionage.

DATE: March 7, 1949

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have addressed to the Department under date of March 16, 1949, together with a copy of a letter received by Honorable Simon H. Rifkind, United States District Judge, from Adele Miller of 850 Raymond Avenue, Newark, 5, New Jersey, which letter is dated March 13, 1949.

You will note I state in the letter to the Department that a copy of this communication from Adele Miller is being referred to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation so that she can be interviewed for the purpose of determining whether she has any information of value in connection with the above-entitled case.

Since Adele Miller lives in Newark, it is believed you will want to refer this to the Newark Office for appropriate attention. 4

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607 United States Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

March 16, 1949

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you make available all background information which your files might contain concerning Mrs. Max Fischman, 395 Riverside Drive, New York City, subscriber to telephone number MO 2-8596.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 17, 1949

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VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV. ESPIONAGE - R. DURING INTERVIEW ON ANOTHER
OFFICIAL MATTER, MISS FRANCES DESOTO, TEN WEST ONE ^{NAUGHT} SEVENTH STREET,
NYC, ADVISED THAT SHE HAD SEEN GUBITCHEV MAKE CONTACT WITH A MAN
WHOSE NAME SHE COULD NOT RECALL, WHO RESIDED IN APARTMENT TWENTYTHREE,
FIFTEEN WEST ONE NAUGHT SEVENTH STREET, NYC, UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.
PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES REVEALED THAT THIS APARTMENT IS OCCUPIED AND HAS
BEEN OCCUPIED FOR SOME TIME BY ABRAHAM NADEL AND WIFE. NADEL IS A
SENIOR PROOF READER, DEPARTMENT OF CONFERENCE AND GENERAL SERVICES,
BUREAU OF DOCUMENTS, PRINTING DIVISION OF UNITED NATIONS. HE WAS BORN
IN RUSSIA AND REPORTEDLY BECAME A U.S. NATURALIZED CITIZEN IN NINETEEN
TWENTYEIGHT. DESOTO IN INTERVIEW, MARCH SIXTEEN, FORTYNINE, STATED THAT
SHE FORMERLY RESIDED APARTMENT TWENTYFOUR, FIFTEEN WEST ONE NAUGHT
SEVENTH STREET, NYC, AND THAT SHE KNEW THE OCCUPANT OF APARTMENT TWENTY-
THREE AS A NEIGHBOR, BUT COULD NOT RECALL HIS NAME. WHEN THE NAME OF
NADEL WAS MENTIONED, SHE IDENTIFIED THE OCCUPANT OF APARTMENT TWENTY-
THREE AS NADEL. FROM PHOTOGRAPHS OF GUBITCHEV, DESOTO MADE A POSITIVE
IDENTIFICATION OF GUBITCHEV AS THE MAN WHO HAD MADE THE FOLLOWING CON-
TACTS WITH NADEL. ON APPROXIMATELY NINE OR TEN OCCASIONS DURING NINETEEN
FORTYEIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN P.M. WHILE EN ROUTE HOME FROM WORK,
SHE OBSERVED BOTH NADEL AND GUBITCHEV GET OFF THE INDEPENDENT SUBWAY AT
THE HUNDRED TENTH STREET STOP, LAG BEHIND THE GROUP THAT GOT OFF THE

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CC: WASHINGTON FIELD
cc: 65-14932

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TRAIN AND THEN WHEN THE STATION BECAME DESERTED OR PARTIALLY DESERTED THEY TALKED TO EACH OTHER AS THEY WALKED SLOWLY TOWARD THE HUNDRED NINTH STREET EXIT. ON THREE OCCASIONS, THAT IS ON CONTACTS IN MARCH, MAY AND OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER, FORTYEIGHT, SHE OBSERVED GUBITCHEV PASS WHAT APPEARED TO HER TO BE QUOTE A MANUSCRIPT OR MANUSCRIPTS TO NADEL UNQUOTE, GUBITCHEV TAKING THEM OUT OF HIS BRIEFCASE, GIVING THEM TO NADEL WHO PUT THEM IN HIS BRIEFCASE. ACCORDING TO DESOTO, NADEL AND GUBITCHEV WHEN APPROACHING STAIRS TO THE STREET WOULD TAKE LEAVE OF EACH OTHER AND WOULD THEREAFTER GIVE NO SIGN OF RECOGNITION WHEN THEY REACHED THE STREET LEVEL. NADEL AND GUBITCHEV WOULD PROCEED IN SEPARATE DIRECTIONS, NADEL WALKING SOUTH ON CENTRAL PARK WEST AND GUBITCHEV WALKING WEST ON HUNDRED NINTH STREET. THROUGHOUT THE TIME OF CONTACTS NADEL RESIDED FIFTEEN WEST HUNDRED SEVENTH STREET, NYC, GUBITCHEV RESIDING ONE FIVE EIGHT WEST HUNDRED SIXTH STREET UNTIL AUGUST FORTYEIGHT WHEN HE MOVED TO SIX FOUR WEST HUNDRED EIGHTH STREET, NYC. INVESTIGATION REVEALS THAT THE SHORTEST DISTANCE FROM ONE HUNDRED TENTH STREET INDEPENDENT SUBWAY STATION TO NADEL AND GUBITCHEV RESPECTIVE APARTMENTS WOULD HAVE PERMITTED THEM TO WALK TOGETHER AT LEAST FOR A BLOCK. DESOTO OBSERVED THAT NADEL WENT TO HIS APARTMENT BUILDING AFTER THESE CONTACTS, BUT KNEW

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NOTHING AS TO GUBITCHEV'S DESTINATION. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION IN
NEW YORK FILE CONCERNING NADEL. BUREAU REQUESTED TO CHECK INDICES RE
ABRAHAM NADEL AND BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE HIM.

SHEIDT

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: March 21, 1949

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON;
VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R.

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
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Reurlet seventh instant submitting fingerprints subjects Judith Coplon and Valentine A. Gubitchev for comparison purposes, your file #65-14939.

Inasmuch as all latent fingerprints developed in instant case have been eliminated, no comparison of the fingerprints of Coplon and Gubitchev is being made.

A search of the fingerprints of Coplon and Gubitchev through the main fingerprint files of the Bureau has failed to disclose a prior criminal record for either of these individuals. For your information Judith Coplon has been assigned #FBI-157539A and Valentine A. Gubitchev has been assigned #FBI-157540A.

cc: Washington Field

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T.S. Miller jfm

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU & WASHINGTON FIELD ***** URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. RE PREVIOUS TELEPHONE CALL ON SURVEILLANCE OF HAROLD P. SHAPIRO. SHAPIRO ARRIVED NYC SIX FIFTEEN P.M., PENN RAILROAD, MARCH EIGHTEEN, LAST, AND WENT IMMEDIATELY BY TAXI TO HARMONIE CLUB, FOUR EAST SIXTY STREET, NYC. LEFT SMALL OVERNIGHT BAG THERE. REMAINED ABOUT THREE MINUTES AND LEFT WITH MAN BELIEVED TO BE A. B. ROSEN. BOTH WALKED TO RED COACH GRILL AT FIFTY EIGHTH STREET WHERE THEY HAD DRINKS AND DINNER. LEFT AND WALKED AROUND VICINITY FOR TWENTY FIVE MINUTES, THEN WENT TO SAVOY PLAZA HOTEL COCKTAIL LOUNGE AND REMAINED THERE FROM NINE FIFTEEN TO ELEVEN TEN P.M. AT WHICH TIME THEY WENT BACK TO THE HARMONIE CLUB WHERE THEY PICKED UP SHAPIRO'S OVERNIGHT BAG. THEY THEN PROCEEDED BY CAB TO THREE/ ^{WERE TOGETHER} SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST, NYC. DURING THE TIME THEY ~~HAD WALKED~~, SHAPIRO HAD TALKED ALMOST CONSTANTLY. THE TWO REMAINED OVER NIGHT AT THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST. A TELEPHONE IS LISTED TO A. ABBOT ROSEN AS RESIDING AT THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST. THE BELL BOX AT THIS ADDRESS HAS A. C. ROSEN LISTED IN APARTMENT THREE TEN. THERE IS NO INDICATION IN WHAT APARTMENT SHAPIRO STAYED. AT TWELVE FIFTEEN P.M. ON MARCH NINETEEN, LAST, SHAPIRO AND ROSEN LEFT THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST AND PROCEEDED BY CAB TO THE SQUIBB BUILDING, SEVEN FOUR FIVE FIFTH AVENUE; THEY REMAINED THERE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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UNTIL ONE TEN P.M. WHEN BOTH LEFT WITH AN UNKNOWN MAN. THE THREE PROCEEDED BY TAXI TO EAST TWENTIETH STREET WHERE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT, THE PETER COOPER VILLAGE, IS LOCATED. THE THREE ~~WALKED~~ WERE CONSTANTLY LOOKING BACK, AND WERE OBVIOUSLY LOOKING FOR A SURVEILLANCE. THEY STOOD ON THE SIDEWALK FOR TEN MINUTES, AND THEN THE UNKNOWN MAN SHOOK HANDS WITH SHAPIRO AND ROSEN AND ENTERED PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT WITH THE ADDRESS FIVE TWO ONE/- FIVE ~~WALKED~~ ONE EAST TWENTIETH STREET, WHICH LED TO SEVERAL OF THE APARTMENT HOUSES. SURVEILLANCE DISCONTINUED. SHAPIRO AND ROSEN STILL TALKING. WALKED TO SIX NAUGHT ONE EAST TWENTIETH STREET, ANOTHER APARTMENT HOUSE, SAME DEVELOPMENT, WHICH THEY ENTERED. REMAINED THERE UNTIL TWO FORTY FIVE P.M. AND LEFT WITH SECOND UNKNOWN MAN. THE THREE TALKED IN FRONT OF AN APARTMENT HOUSE FOR FEW MOMENTS AND THEN SHAPIRO SHCOK HANDS WITH ROSEN AND UNKNOWN MAN AND BEGAN WALKING ALONE TO TWENTIETH STREET. NO ATTEMPT MADE TO CONTINUE SURVEILLANCE OF HIM AS HE WAS CONSTANTLY LOOKING BACK. ROSEN AND UNKNOWN MAN WALKED TO EAST TWENTIETH STREET AND EAST RIVER DRIVE, TURNED SOUTH, BOTH LOOKING BACK. NO ATTEMPT MADE TO SURVEILL THEM. SHAPIRO WAS OBSERVED TO ENTER THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST, AT SIX NAUGHT FIVE P.M., SAME DATE, IN COMPANY WITH YOUNG MAN ABOUT TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF AGE. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUED FOR REMAINDER OF EVENING AND ALL OF MARCH TWENTY FIRST, BUT SHAPIRO NOT OBSERVED TO LEAVE THIS ADDRESS. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF UNKNOWN ~~MAN~~ ^{MAN} VERY MEAGER DUE TO

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DISTANCE AGENT HAD TO KEEP BETWEEN SHAPIRO AND HIS CONTACTS AND THE AGENT HIMSELF. SPOT SURVEILLANCE AT SQUIBB, PETER COOPER VILLAGE, AND THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST NOT LIKELY TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION, SO NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE ~~ATTEMPT~~ UNLESS BUREAU ADVISES TO THE CONTRARY. WFO REQUESTED TO REVIEW ANY INFO THEY HAVE FROM INVESTIGATION OF SHAPIRO WHICH IS CONNECTED WITH ANY OF THE ADDRESSES MENTIONED ABOVE.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED THAT JUDITH COPLON IS DEFINITELY RETAINING ARCHIBALD PALMER, A NY ATTORNEY, AS HER ATTORNEY. SHE LEFT NYC AT NINE FIFTEEN A.M. THIS DATE, TAKING EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THIRTY THREE UNDER THE NAME OF ^OHELEN CLARK. PALMER ~~WAS~~ ^{ALSO} ON PLANE. PALMER INTENDS TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF AN UNKNOWN D.C. ATTORNEY. BOTH CLARK AND PALMER HAVE ~~RESERVED~~ RETURN RESERVATIONS TO NYC ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THIRTY SIX, ARRIVING NYC FIVE ^{COPLON} SIXTEEN P.M.. BERT ~~WAS~~ ILL AND NOT MAKING TRIP TO WASHINGTON. LAST INFO ON BAIL IS THAT BERT HAD OBTAINED SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL FROM BOB (PHONETIC), AND EXPECTS TO GET THREE THOUSAND FROM LUDLOW (PHONETIC).

DURING THE PAST WEEKEND, THERE WERE SEVERAL TALKS BETWEEN THE RUSSIANS IN D.C. AND NYC. INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING

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CONSULATES IN THE U.S., BOTH IN THE RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES. IT WAS NOTED THAT PANYUSHKIN WANTED GUBITCHEV'S PASSPORT DELIVERED TO WASHINGTON BY SOMEONE WITH DIPLOMATIC STATUS. ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH TWENTY, TOLOKONNIKOV FROM WASHINGTON SPOKE TO MORISOV IN NYC, TO GET THE WORDING OF SECTION THREE, PARAGRAPH SEVEN, OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT OF MAY TWENTY SIX NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR, WHICH DESCRIBES IMMUNITIES AFFORDED FOREIGN PERSONNEL.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 21, 1949

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. JUDGE SIMON H. RIFKIND, SDNY, WHO CONDUCTED ARRAIGNMENT OF COPLON AND GUBITCHEV, RECEIVED A LETTER DATED MARCH THIRTEENTH NINETEEN FORTY NINE FROM ADELE MILLER OF EIGHT FIVE NAUGHT RAYMOND AVENUE, NEWARK FIVE, NEW JERSEY. THIS LETTER IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR MR. RIFKIND. THIS IS IN REGARD TO JUDITH COPLON, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ANALYST WHO WAS RELEASED ON BAIL DUE TO HER COMMITTING ESPIONAGE AGAINST UNITED STATES FORM OF GOVERNMENT. I, AS A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WORKED WITH MISS COPLON AND SAW HER TAKE AND DESTROY CONFIDENTIAL AND SECRET DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE WELFARE AND SECURITY OF HER COUNTRY. CERTAIN FOLDERS WERE TAKEN FROM FILES HOME DURING WAR TIME. CONFIDENTIAL AND SECRET MATERIAL WAS TAKEN FROM OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES WITHOUT GOING THRU THE REGULAR OFFICE ROUTINE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO STATISTICAL DATA ON RAILROADS, TOOK CERTAIN TRANSCRIBED MATERIAL FROM FILES NOT RELATED TO HER FIELD WITH HER; MATERIAL WAS TAKEN FROM FILES WHICH WAS ANALYZED BY OTHER ANALYSTS. HER CO WORKERS WHOM SHE CONVERSED WERE THE CHIEF FACTORS IN BRINGING ISRAELI FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN PALESTINE. ANALYST WAS DEEPLY CRITICAL ON FOREIGN CATHOLIC AGENTS WHO HAD NO BEARING AS TO SUBVERSIVE ATTITUDE IN CERTAIN DOCUMENTARY WORK WHICH THEY,

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SUBMITTED TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM FILES AND PUBLISHED IN BOOK FORM. MATERIAL ANALYZED AND DRAFTED BY ONE WOMAN ATTORNEY WAS TAKEN FROM FILES WHO LATER WAS CONFINED. MAJORITY OF THE EMPLOYEES IN FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION HAD ALL LEANINGS TOWARD COMMUNISM AS FORM FIVE SEVEN IN FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION WOULD INDICATE CERTAIN DEROGATORY CHARACTER REPUTATION AS TO LOYALTY IN HOLDING A FEDERAL JOB. ALL CONVERSATION IN THAT PARTICULAR SECTION NO DOUBT WERE RECORDED AND COULD BE PROVEN AS TO ABOVE STATEMENTS MADE BY ME. TAPPED TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS IN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ALL DEPARTMENTAL SUPERIORS EVERY DAY WOULD INDICATE CERTAIN SUSPICION AS TO CHARACTER AND LOYALTY OF INDIVIDUAL RELATING TO THEIR PARTICULAR ASSIGNMENT. I WAS RECOMMENDED TO HIGHER POSITION PRIOR TO ANALYST COMMITTING ESPIONAGE BUT DUE TO HER JEALOUSY HAD TO BE MOLESTED, TORTURED AND TORMENTED TO PROVE LOYALTY AND FAITHFULNESS TO MY COUNTRY FOR THREE YEARS NOW. I COULD HAVE DONE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK AMONG OUR FOREIGN AGENTS IN BRINGING CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITHIN/AMONG FOREIGN AGENTS WHO PUBLISHED CERTAIN ITEMS IN FOREIGN/PAPERS. HOPING THE ABOVE INFORMATION MIGHT HELP YOU MEN OUT IN BRINGING OUR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AS OF SEVENTEEN/SEVENTY SIX. VERY TRULY YOURS, SIGNED ADELE MILLER, ADELE MILLER UNQUOTE. NEWARK REQUESTED TO ~~IMMEDIATELY~~ CONTACT ADELE MILLER TO DETERMINE WHETHER INFORMATION CONTAINED IN LETTER AUTHENTIC. IF SO AND IF MILLER COULD

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GIVE DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING COPLON ACTIVITIES IN FARA, BUREAU SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED. IN THAT CASE NEW YORK SUGGESTS THAT SA COURTLAND JONES OF THE WFO GO TO NEWARK AND THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW MILLER RELATIVE TO COPLON'S ACTIVITIES IN FARA. SA JONES SUGGESTED INASMUCH AS HE HAD MADE DETAILED STUDY OF OFFICE PROCEDURE IN FARA FOR PAST TWO WEEKS AND COULD MORE INTELLIGENTLY ELICIT INFORMATION FROM MILLER CONCERNING ALLEGED

IRREGULARITIES COMMITTED BY COPLON. PRIOR TO ACTION BY NEWARK BUREAU REQUESTED TO CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT RE MILLER TO DETERMINE HER BACKGROUND AND ADVISE NEWARK

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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NEW YORK, N. Y.
MARCH 22, 1949


Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU, WFO (URGENT)

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. REMYTEL MARCH FIFTEEN, LAST, SETTING OUT OPINION OF SAAG DONEGAN RELATIVE TO WHAT MATERIAL HE THOUGHT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR TRIAL. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM DEPARTMENT WHETHER IT STILL PLANS TO START TRIAL NYC APRIL FIRST. IF SO, BUREAU SHOULD DECIDE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE WHAT MATERIAL SET FORTH REFERENCED TELETYPE CAN BE USED AS EVIDENCE AND ADVISE NYO AND WFO. NYO CANNOT PREPARE SUMMARY REPORT UNTIL THIS NECESSARY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BUREAU AND WFO.

 SCHEIDT

cc - NY-65-14939

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York

March 22, 1949

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
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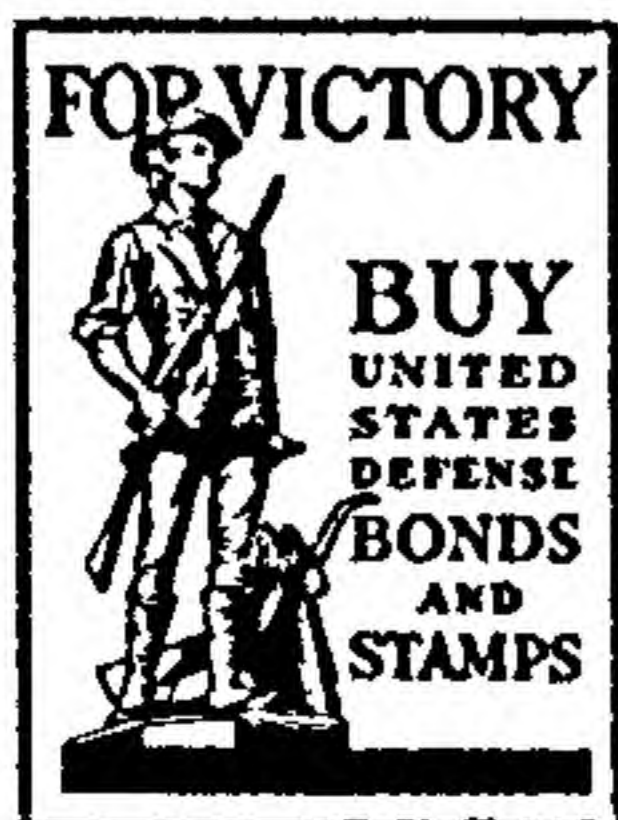
On March 21, 1949, FRANK BEGLEY, United Nations, Lake Success, New York, made available the personnel file of SONIA REBECCA COHEN which reflected the following information.

COHEN was employed by UNRRA on June 1, 1945, as a clerk stenographer in the Displaced Persons-German operation at Washington, D. C. On June 11, 1945, she was assigned to the London office of this operation, and remained there until February 10, 1947, when she returned to the United States and was assigned to UNRRA as a clerk stenographer in the Office of Archivist and Historian, Washington, D. C. On August 31, 1948, her employment at UNRRA terminated in order for her to transfer to the United Nations to assist in the completion of the UNRRA records and archives program. Her present assignment with United Nations in the Office of Records and Archives, Washington, D. C. is indefinite, and her salary is \$3,060 per year. Her address is listed as 18 Duvall Street S.E., Washington, D. C.

From January, 1944, to May, 1945, she was employed as a stenographer by the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. in the Economic Warfare Section at \$1,800 per year. She stated she did dictation, copy work, stencils, proof reading, some editing and filing. She stated her dictation included many German words and names and much copy work from German publications.

From October, 1936, to December, 1943, she was employed as secretary-clerk stenographer with the United Stores Company, Dorchester, Massachusetts. She did general office work here and states that she ended up as secretary to the president of the company.

She was born October 12, 1914 at Maine, is white and single. Her prior education was listed as follows.



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From 1933 to 1935 she attended Gorham State Normal School at Gorham, Maine, in the general course and graduated with a diploma.

From 1942 to 1943 she attended the Stenotype Institute, Boston, Massachusetts, at night where she studied stenotype.

From 1941 to 1942 she stated she attended the Higgins Business Machine School at Boston, Massachusetts, at night where she studied business machines.

COHEN stated that she speaks German and understands Yiddish. She is qualified to do typing, shorthand, electric adding, calculator and book-keeping. There was no picture available in the file. Her file contained very little information due to her transfer from UNRRA to United Nations. Her record was clear and did not contain any derogatory information.

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FRANK BEGLEY should be designated as T-1 at his own request.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. RE NY TEL INSTANT DATE REGARDING LETTER
 OF ADELE MILLER TO JUDGE RIFKIND. ADELE MILLER WAS ANALYST EMPLOYED
 IN FAR SECTION AND HAD NERVOUS BREAKDOWN IN SUMMER NINETEEN FORTYSIX
 AT WHICH TIME COMMITTED TO SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL FROM WHICH SHE
 WAS LATER RELEASED. PRIOR TO COMMITMENT HAD WRITTEN VOLUMINOUS
 MATERIAL CHARGING COPLON WITH SAME MATTERS MENTIONED IN HER PRESENT
 LETTER TO JUDGE RIFKIND AND IN ADDITION CHARGING COPLON AND OTHERS
 IN FAR SECTION WITH CASTING SPELLS ON HER. NEWARK HAS FILE ON ADELE
 MILLER. NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH HER SHOULD BE HAD BY NEWARK AT THIS
 TIME BUT YOU SHOULD DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN IF SHE IS PRESENTLY UNDER
 DOCTORS CARE AND DETERMINE FROM DOCTOR OR GUARDIAN IF INTERVIEW RE
 COPLON WOULD AGGRAVATE HER PRESENT MENTAL CONDITION INASMUCH AS COPLON
 ACTIVITY SEEMS TO BE A FIXATION WITH HER.

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Reference Memo from Thomas J. Donegan

Spec. Asst. to the Atty Gen.

Dated 3/17/49 regarding

Michael Yacenda

Period 3/21/49

Mr. Michael Yacenda 181 Bedford Ave Brooklyn N.Y. was telephonically contacted in order that an appointment might be made to interview him. Mr. Yacenda stated that a personal call would not be necessary and furnished the following information

Mr. Yacenda stated that in the recent past he had made application for the position of Asst U.S. Atty E. D. N.Y. in Mr. Mc Red's office and that his application did not "go through". Mr. Yacenda stated that the following information was in no way to be construed as an attempt to further his above referred to application.

Mr. Yacenda advised he lived next to the Coplon family from approximately 1926 to 1935.

He further stated that he only knew Elizabeth Coplon as a member of the Coplon family and was unable to furnish any concrete information regarding her.

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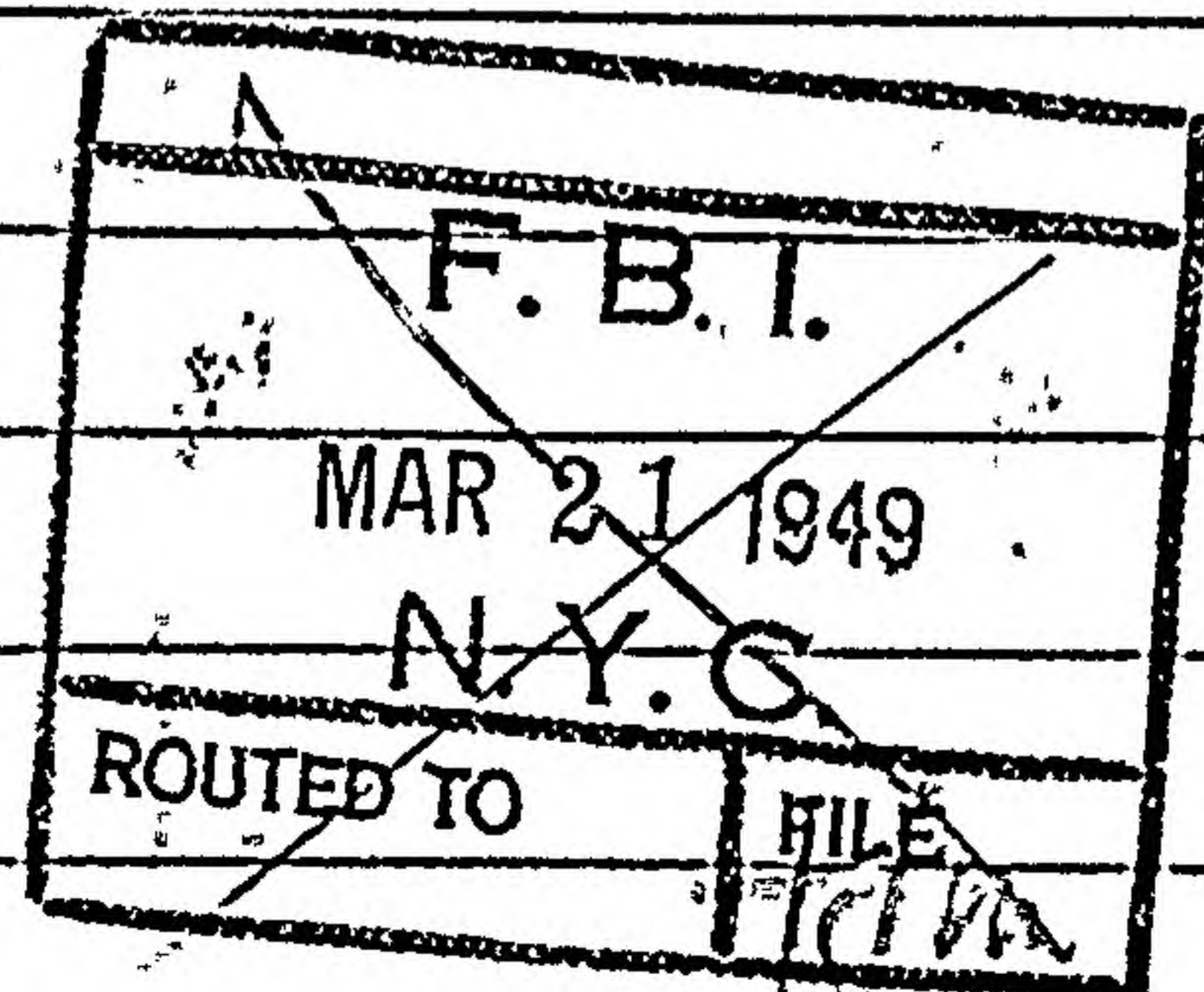
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Mr. Yacenda stated that his only purpose in contacting the Gov't, was that he felt that he might intercede on the part of the Coplon family and the Gov't, and might play the part of a neutral, and succeed in convincing Judith's mother to more fully cooperate with the Gov't.

Mr. Yacenda was thanked for his offer of assistance and advised that his offer would be conveyed to the appropriate authorities.

Respectfully Submitted
Rafel L. Schwartz
3/21/49



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TO : Mr. Edward Scheidt
 Special Agent-In-Charge, New York Office, FBI
 FROM : Thomas J. Donegan
 Special Assistant to the Attorney General
 SUBJECT: UNITED STATES v. GUBITCHEV, et al. Espionage.

DATE: March 17, 1949

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I received a telephone call today from an attorney named MICHAEL YACENDA of 181 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, Telephone Evergreen 8-7797.

Mr. YACENDA said he thought he might be of some assistance to the Government concerning JUDITH COPLON. He advised he lived next to the COPLON family from 1926 to 1935 and he is still acquainted with the family. Mr. YACENDA commented that he did not know whether he had any information of value but that he would be glad to talk with someone concerning what information he had.

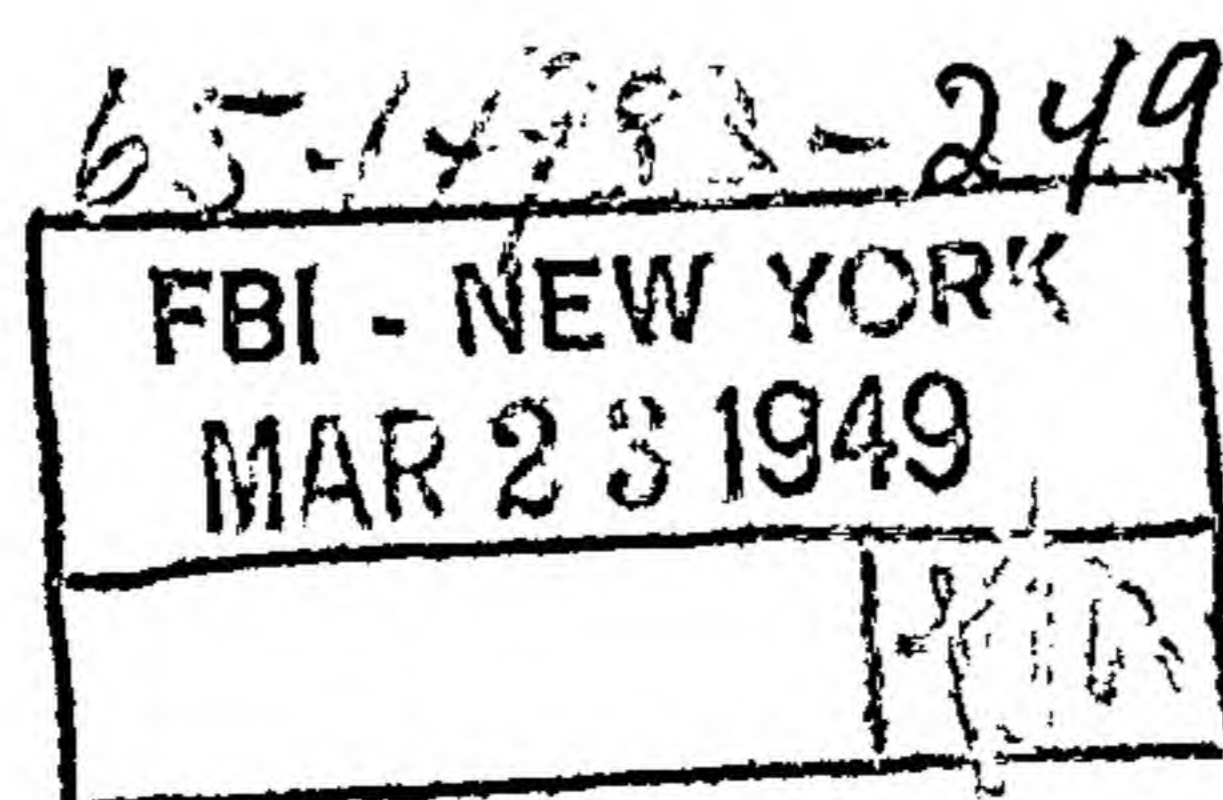
I suggested to Mr. YACENDA that he be contacted by a representative of the FBI at his office and he stated he would be very glad to talk with a government representative.

It is suggested that he be telephoned for an appointment. He advised he is in his office most days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Q12,379,651E	January, 1942	Miss Judith Coplon 2506 Avenue S. Brooklyn, N. Y.	King's Highway Savings Bank Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$25
Q75,404,833E	October, 1942	"	"	\$25
Q89,106,019E	December, 1942	"	Brooklyn, N. Y. (Kingsway Sta.) Post Office	\$25
Q194,706,848E	May, 1943	"	King's Highway Savings Bank Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$25
Q271,032,025E	October, 1943	Miss Judith Coplon 2506 Ave. S. Brooklyn, N. Y.	Greater New York Savings Bank Church Ave. and McDonald Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$25
Q297,394,875E	October, 1943	"	Seamen's Bank for Savings New York, N. Y.	\$25
Q297,394,876E	October, 1943	"	"	\$25
L56,884,253E	October, 1943	Miss Judith Coplon 2506 Avenue S. Brooklyn, N. Y.	King's Highway Savings Bank Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$50
Q302,772,420E	November, 1943	Miss Judith Coplon 2506 Ave. S. Brooklyn, N. Y.	Seamen's Bank for Savings New York, N. Y.	\$25
Q329,698,690E	December, 1943	Miss Judith Coplon 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, New York	"	\$25
Q359,400,045E	January, 1944	Miss Judith Coplon 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, N. Y.	"	\$25
Q352,758,662E	February, 1944	"	Greater New York Savings Bank Church Ave. and McDonald Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$25



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Q370,521,625E ✓	February, 1944	Miss Judith Coplon 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, New York	Seamen's Bank for Savings New York, N. Y.	\$25
Q378,706,500E ✓	March, 1944	Miss Judith Coplon 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, New York	Seamen's Bank for Savings New York, N. Y.	\$25
Q396,082,153E	April, 1944	"	"	\$25
Q385,912,322E ✓	April, 1944	"	"	\$25
Q439,699,618E ✓	June, 1944	"	"	\$25
Q439,699,619E ✓	June, 1944	"	"	\$25
Q439,699,620E ✓	June, 1944	"	"	\$25
Q449,946,363E	July, 1944	Miss Judith Coplon 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, N. Y.	Frederick Loeser & Co. Inc. Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$25
Q456,672,514E ✓	August, 1944	Miss Judith Coplon 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, New York	Seamen's Bank for Savings New York, N. Y.	\$25
Q486,456,264E	August, 1944	"	"	\$25
Q496,405,223E ✓	October, 1944	"	"	\$25
C92,967,819E	November, 1944	"	Bank of the Manhattan Co. 2 Park Avenue New York, N. Y.	\$100
Q544,476,023E	December, 1944	Miss Judith Coplon 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, N. Y.	Frederick Loeser & Co. Inc. Brooklyn, New York	\$25
C93,788,137E	December, 1944	"	"	\$100
Q548,626,754E	December, 1944	Miss Judith Coplon 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, N. Y.	"	\$25
Q669,582,788E	May, 1945	Miss Judith Coplon 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, N. Y.	Frederick Loeser & Company, Inc. Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$25

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Q720,436,942E	November, 1945	Miss Judith Coplon 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, N. Y.	Frederick Loeser & Company, Inc. Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$25
C57,525,945E ✓	January, 1944	Miss Judith Coplon 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, N. Y.	Seamen's Bank for Savings New York, N. Y.	\$100
Q437,037,614E	June, 1944	"	Kings Highway Savings Bank Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$25
Q432,755,211E ✓	June, 1944	"	Seamen's Bank for Savings New York, N. Y.	\$25
Q439,700,457E ✓	June, 1944	"	"	\$25

DIRECTOR, FBI

March 21, 1949

Guy Hottel, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

There is attached a list of savings bonds issued in the name of JUDITH COPLON for the period January of 1942 to the present which were purchased at New York banks. This list was furnished by the United States Treasury Department.

It is requested that the New York Office check all bond applications in favor of the subject to determine if possible the individual who made the purchase and whether the bonds were purchased by cash or check.

It is also requested that the New York Office at each New York bank determine whether or not the subject maintained a savings or a checking account there, and in the event that an account is located, a transcript of deposits and withdrawals be obtained. It should be determined if possible whether these deposits were by check or in cash and all available details concerning the deposits should be obtained.

✓ CC: New York

Enclosure

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FBI - NEW YORK
MAR 23 1949
<i>[Signature]</i>



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

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FILE No. _____

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

March 23, 1949

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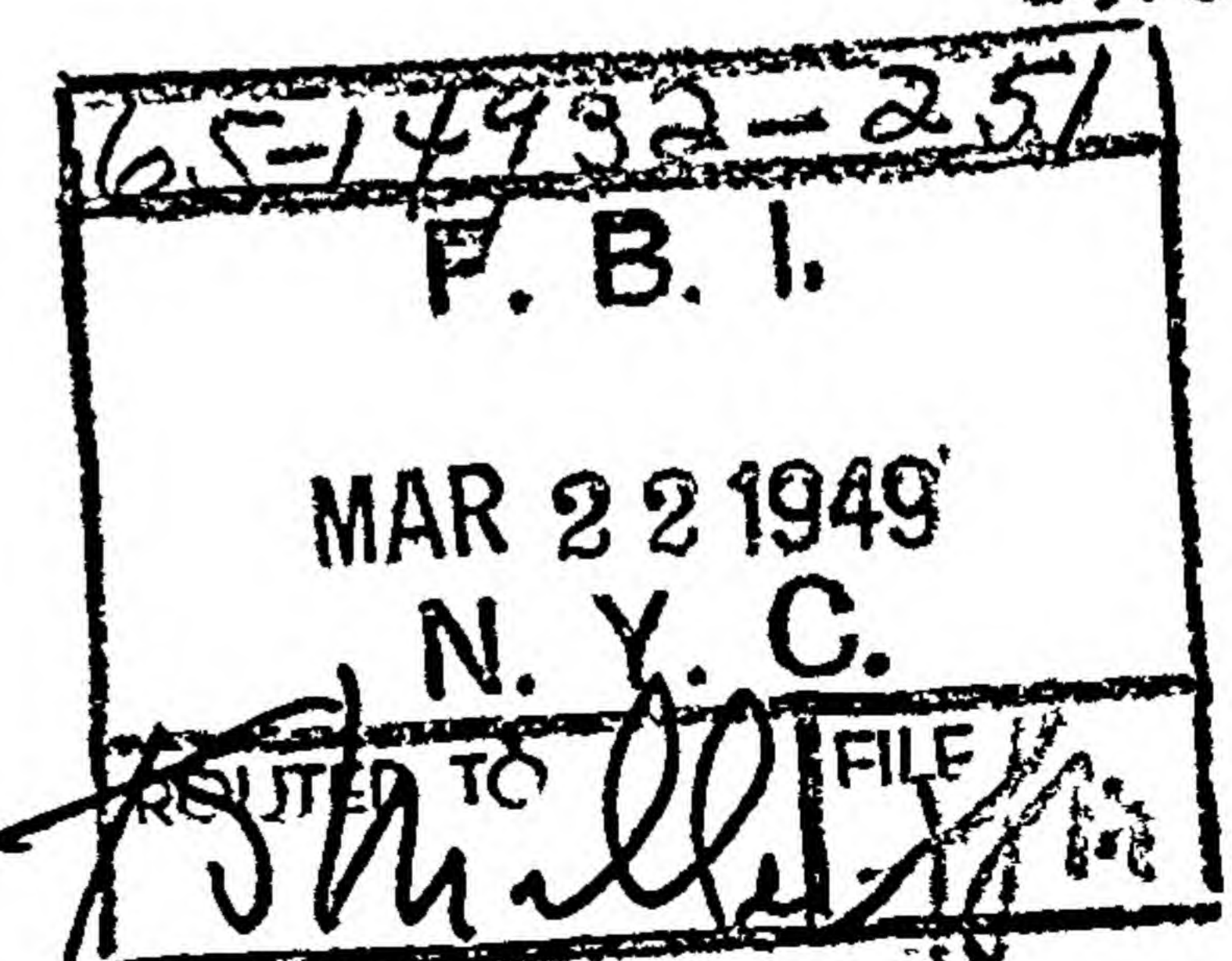
On the morning of March 23, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that Mr. Donegan had told me that KELLY of the Department is being considered to try the COPLON case, both in Washington and New York. The present line of thinking in the Department is to try the case in Washington first inasmuch as that is the stronger case against COPLON and conviction there would probably increase the strength of the case against GUBITCHEV.

I further advised Mr. Fletcher that it is Mr. Donegan's understanding that a conference was held on March 21 between the Attorney General and Secretary of State Acheson and that the matter of deporting GUBITCHEV was put up to President Truman. Mr. Truman stated that GUBITCHEV should not be deported but should be tried. Consequently, at the present time it appears that GUBITCHEV will be tried here. I pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that I could not guarantee the complete accuracy of the above information and that I was just passing on what Donegan picked up from the Department.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

cc - 65-14939 (Gubitchev)

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DIRECTOR AND SAC

U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REURTEL MARCH TWENTYTWO LAST. ~~STANLEY~~
 MILLER, FORMER DEPUTY US MARSHAL AT NEWARK AND BROTHER OF ADELE MILLER,
 ADVISED ADELE MILLER NOT UNDER PHYSICIANS CARE SINCE RELEASE FROM
 HOSPITAL. SHE IS REGULARLY EMPLOYED AT PERFECT LAUNDRY COMPANY, NEWARK,
 N. J. AT PRESENT TIME. PHYSICAL CONDITION GOOD. BELIEVES SHE MIGHT
 STILL BE SLIGHTLY IRRATIONAL WITH REGARD TO HER ASSOCIATIONS WITH SUBJECT
 BUT WOULD HAVE NO HESITANCY IN ARRANGING INTERVIEW WITH AGENTS AND
 HIS SISTER IF DESIRED. NO INTERVIEW WITH MISS MILLER CONTEMPLATED BY
 THIS OFFICE AT THE PRESENT TIME UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY BUR-
 EAU.

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CORR-LAST LINE SEVENTH WORD IS "UNLESS"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 23, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU.....URGENT
WASHINGTON FIELD

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. SONIA COHEN APPEARING IN COPLON'S ADDRESS

BOOK PRESENTLY EMPLOYED OFFICE OF RECORDS AND ARCHIVES, UN, WASHINGTON, D.C.

HER PERSONNEL FILE UN LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK, REFLECTS HER FULL NAME AS

SONIA REBECCA COHEN AND HER RESIDENCE AS EIGHTEEN DUVAL STREET, SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON. EMPLOYMENT AS FOLLOWS: OCTOBER THIRTY SIX TO DECEMBER FORTY THREE, UNITED STORES COMPANY, DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, AS CLERK AND SECRETARY; JANUARY FORTY FOUR TO MAY FORTY FIVE, ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION OF US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AS STENO; JANUARY FIRST FORTY FIVE TO FEBRUARY TENTH FORTY SEVEN, UNRRA AS CLERK DASH STENO IN DISPLACED PERSONS DASH GERMAN OPERATION AND ON JANUARY ELEVENTH FORTY FIVE WAS ASSIGNED TO LONDON OFFICE UNTIL FEBRUARY TENTH FORTY SEVEN, WHEN SHE WAS TRANSFERRED TO UN WASHINGTON. NOTE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION ABOUT SIX MONTHS AFTER DECEMBER FORTY FOUR. ONLY BACKGROUND INFO AVAILABLE NEW YORK CITY THIS DATE IS THAT COHEN BORN OCTOBER TWELFTH FOURTEEN IN MAINE. SHE IS WHITE AND SINGLE. EDUCATION: AS FOLLOWS: THIRTY THREE TO THIRTY FIVE GORHAM/NORMAL SCHOOL, GORHAM, MAINE; FORTY ONE TO FORTY TWO, HIGGINS BUSINESS MACHINES SCHOOL, BOSTON; FORTY TWO TO FORTY THREE STENO TYPE INSTITUTE, BOSTON. COHEN SPEAKS GERMAN AND UNDERSTANDS YIDDISH. BUREAU REQUESTED TO EXAMINE COHEN'S PERSONNEL FILE DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND INFO PARTICULARLY IDENTITY OF PARENTS. NYO WILL DETERMINE IF UNRRA RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

TSM:MJS

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

SCHEIDT

Sent 6:31 PM

Per

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

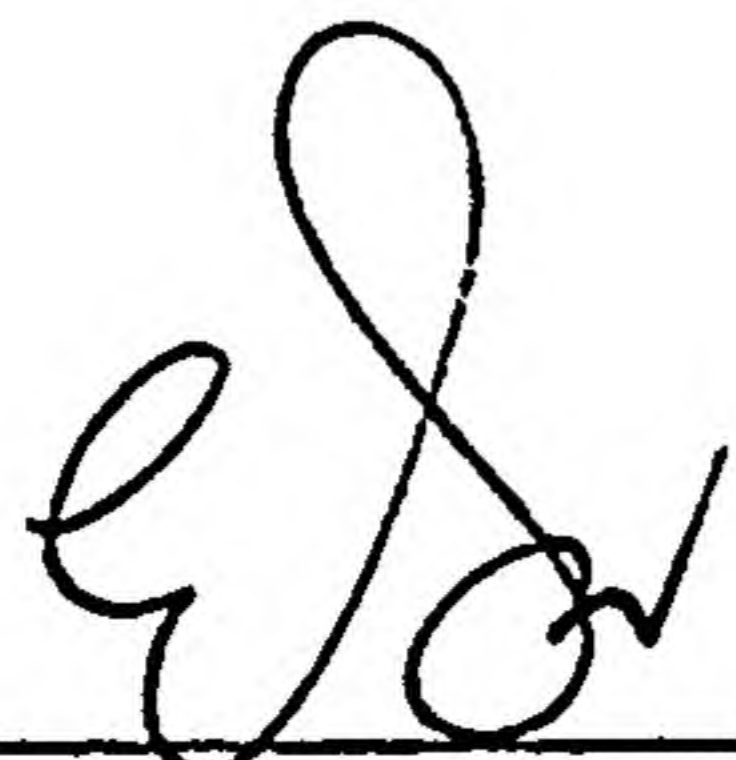
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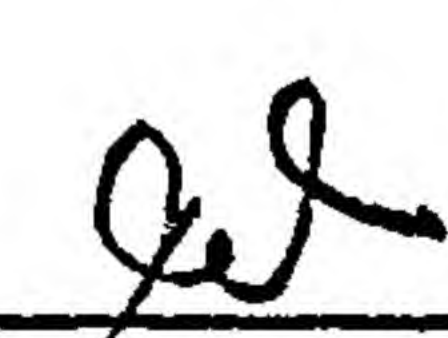

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU
WASHINGTON FIELD URGENT

JUDITH COPLIN, ESPIONAGE - R. REMYTEL MARCH EIGHT LAST CONCERNING PHILIP G. PAVIA. PAVIA REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED AS SCULPTOR IN NY SCHOOL SYSTEM, DATE UNKNOWN. RECORDS BOARD OF EDUCATION, NYC, NEGATIVE. PAVIA COULD HAVE BEEN/EMPLOYED ON FEDERAL PROJECT IN NY SCHOOL, IN WHICH CASE, RECORDS WOULD BE RETAINED FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY, ONE SEVEN THREE FOUR NY AVENUE NE, WASHINGTON, D.C. WASHINGTON FIELD WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND ON PAVIA THROUGH FSA AND SUTEL RESULTS.

SCHEIDT

RCS:GMD
65-14932

Approved: 
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 6³⁷₇ M Per 65-14932-254 

Director, FBI

March 23, 1949

SAC, New York

VALENTINE ALEKSEWICH GUBITCHEV, wa.;
ESPIONAGE - R

During the interview of GUBITCHEV, after his arrest on the evening of March 4, 1949, GUBITCHEV, on being questioned concerning his superior, stated that Mr. LEONID MOROZOV, First Secretary of the USSR UN Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, was his superior. However, he later changed this statement stating that Mr. MOROZOV was an official of the USSR Delegation to the UN whom he contacted concerning his passport and visa problems. The possibility, therefore, exists that GUBITCHEV might have had his guard down and did mean that MOROZOV was his superior in his Soviet espionage activities in the United States. It is also known that MOROZOV has been prominent and very active in the USSR official action resulting from GUBITCHEV'S arrest.

The files of this office reveal the following information concerning LEONID MOROZOV:

According to the records of the Immigration & Naturalization Service, New York City, LEONID MOROZOV, age 30, born Moscow, USSR, brown hair, brown eyes, giving his occupation as Delegate to the UN, having Visa #2281, issued at Paris, France, under Section 3.7 on October 17, 1946, arrived at La Guardia Field, New York City, as a passenger aboard the ATC plane #5605 from Paris, France, on October 21, 1946. He indicated on his arrival that this was his first visit to the United States. He departed from the United States as a passenger aboard the "SS America", on December 5, 1946, from the port of New York, bound for Le Havre, France, then indicating that he was married and a USSR Government official.

According to the Immigration & Naturalization Service records at New York City, LEONID MOROZOV entered the United States as a Soviet citizen being a passenger aboard the "SS Queen Mary", arriving at the port of New York on September 7, 1947 from Southampton, England, destined to the General Assembly of the UN, Lake Success. LEONID MOROZOV was then age 31, married, a delegate to the UN, born in Moscow, and indicated that he had brown hair and brown eyes. He again stated that this was his first visit to the United States. (It is noted that LEONID MOROZOV previously arrived in New York in October, 1946, as set out in this letter.) LEONID MOROZOV was accompanied by his wife, ALEXANDRA MOROZOV, age 31, married, who also indicated that it was her first visit to the United States. They were also accompanied by their daughter, KLARA MOROZOV.

cc - Washington Field
- NY 65-14932 ✓

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65-14939

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Letter to Director
NY 65-14939

Confidential Informant [] advised that LEONID ALEKSEVICH MOROZOV, age 32, had cancelled his passage on the "SS Pobeda" which was to leave the port of New York on July 31, 1948, being destined to Odessa, USSR. b7D

All of the above information concerning MOROZOV is believed to pertain to LEONID ALEKSEVICH MOROZOV, First Secretary of the USSR UN Delegation.

According to the official list of members of delegations to the United Nations entitled to diplomatic privileges and immunities, issued by the United States State Department, dated January, 1949, LEONID ALEKSEVICH MOROZOV, First Secretary, 324 West 84th Street, New York, and Madam MOROZOV are entitled to diplomatic privileges and immunities inasmuch as LEONID ALEKSEVICH MOROZOV is First Secretary of the USSR UN Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City.

In view of GUBITCHEV'S identification of MOROZOV as his superior and MOROZOV'S participation in the USSR official action resulting from GUBITCHEV'S arrest, Bureau authority is, hereby, requested to investigate the activities of LEONID ALEKSEVICH MOROZOV.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NY
MARCH 24, 1949-----
UNDERLINED WORDS TO BE ENCODED.

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU, NEW HAVEN URGENT

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. THE NAME, PHILIP G. PAVIA, FIFTY

THREE WEST EIGHTH STREET, NYC, WAS FOUND IN SUBJECT'S ADDRESS BOOK

AT THE TIME OF HER ARREST. ② ✓ PAVIA REPORTEDLY POSSIBLY EMPLOYED IN

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT AND REPORTED TO HAVE MOTHER AND RELATIVES

RESIDING ~~THIS~~ ^{THAT} CITY. ALSO BELIEVED TO MAINTAIN BANK ACCOUNT ~~THIS CITY~~ ^{BRIDGEPORT}.INFORMANT ADVISED ④ ✓ PAVIA HAS PHONE, BRIDGEPORT SIX DASH TWO NAUGHT TWO

EIGHT ALSO BRIDGEPORT THREE DASH THREE ONE TWO ONE. ASCERTAIN SUB-

SCRIBERS TO ABOVE NUMBERS AND DISCREETLY ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ALL POSSIBLE

EMPLOYMENT AND BACKGROUND INFO RE ⑤ ✓ PAVIA. PAVIA REPORTEDLY A SCULPTOR..

DESCRIBED, AGE THIRTY NINE, HEIGHT FIVE SIX, WEIGHT ONE SEVENTY, HAIR

BLACK, EYES, DARK, COMPLEXION OLIVE, VOICE HUSKY, RACE POSSIBLY ITALIAN.

⑥ ✓ PAVIA REPORTEDLY VISITED ITALY FROM APPROXIMATELY MARCH TO AUGUST,

FORTY EIGHT. ATTEMPT TO VERIFY. SUTEL RESULTS.

SCHEIDT

RLS:AMV
65-14932*Encoded by
DPR*Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 9:30 P MPer man

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

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FILE No. _____

March 24, 1949

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

.....MR. SCHEIDT
.....MR. BELMONT
.....MR. WHELAN
.....MR. COLLIER
.....MR. CRANVILLE
.....MR. EUBERTZ
.....MR. MARCESSAULT
.....MR. McNEILHAN
.....MR. MOORE
.....NIGHT SUPERVISOR
.....MR. QUINN
.....MR. J.
.....MR. L. J. JON
.....MR. JOSEY
.....MR. WATSON
.....CHIEF CLERK
.....PROPERTY CLERK
.....TRAINING UNIT

On the morning of March 24, I received a call from BERTRAM COPLON, brother of subject JUDITH COPLON, to the effect that he is driving down to Washington Saturday night and would like to get in touch with SA Mendenhall of the Washington Field office on Sunday morning in order that he can go to JUDITH COPLON's apartment and pick up her personal effects. I advised him I would try to make arrangements for Mendenhall to be available Sunday morning. I then spoke to Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau concerning this, pointing out that Mr. Whearty of the Department had given authority for COPLON's effects to be picked up by BERTRAM. I advised Mr. Fletcher that we were making arrangements through the Washington Field for BERTRAM COPLON to get in touch with SA Mendenhall so that this could be handled on Sunday morning; that this would give Mendenhall a chance to see what was in COPLON's locker.

BERTRAM COPLON should be called back at his place of business today to advise him that arrangements have been made and a teletype should be sent to the Washington Field office and the Bureau arranging for Mendenhall to be available.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

AHB:CTC
65-14932

*Teletype sent
Bur & WFO with
arrangements
3/24.
VAC*

*X 2171 of the
Bureau.*

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MAR 24 1949
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

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FILE No. _____

March 25, 1949

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. WHELAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. CRANVILLE
MR. WIRTZ
MR. VARCHESSEAU
MR. THAN
MR. [unclear]
MR. SUPERVISOR
MR. [unclear]
MR. [unclear]
MR. [unclear]
MR. WATSON
CHIEF CLERK
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

At 6:00 pm on March 24, 1949, I spoke to Mr. H. B. Fletcher at the Bureau to advise him that Mr. Donegan had informed me that the State Department gave a note to the Russian Embassy on March 24, advising the Russians that the claim of the Russians to the immunity of GUBITCHEV had been denied and that GUBITCHEV would have to stand trial. Mr. Fletcher was advised that we are going to secure a copy of this note through Mr. Donegan and we will send it to the Bureau. Furthermore, Mr. Donegan advised that the Department of Justice had sent a memorandum for the benefit of Judge Rifkind on the question of GUBITCHEV's immunity and we will get a copy of this for the Bureau's information also.

Mr. Fletcher was advised that it now appears that Mr. Kelly of the Department and Mr. Whearty will come to New York for a conference on the forthcoming trial in this case on March 28 and 29. It is indicated that Whearty may discuss JUDITH COPLON with attorney ARCHIE PALMER for the purpose of pointing out that now is the time for her to cooperate if she intends to do so at all. Mr. Fletcher was further advised that from Mr. Donegan's conversation, it appears that the New York case will go to trial before the Washington case because of the necessity for an immediate trial, due to the State Department's decision that GUBITCHEV is to stand trial.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

CC - 165-14939 (Gubitchev)

AHB:CTC
65-14932

*Above Sent to Bureau
Today 3-25-49*

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	<i>[Signature]</i>

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N.Y.

MARCH 24, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

BUREAU & WASHINGTON FIELD - URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. RE NY TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE
 RELATIVE TO BERTRAM COPLON GOING TO WASHINGTON SATURDAY TO OBTAIN SUBJECT'S
 PERSONAL EFFECTS. BERTRAM COPLON WILL CALL SA THOMAS MENDENHALL, EXECUTIVE
 SEVEN ONE HUNDRED, EXTENSION TWO ONE SEVEN ONE, TEN A.M., SUNDAY MARCH
 TWENTY SEVENTH NEXT. BERTRAM COPLON VOLUNTEERED INFO TO NY OFFICE THAT/
 JUDITH DID NOT KNOW HER LOCKER NUMBER AT MC LEAN GARDENS, BUT STATED IT WAS
 ON SAME FLOOR AS HER APARTMENT AND WAS DISTINGUISHED FROM OTHER LOCKERS BY
 A BLACK AND GOLD COMBINATION LOCK. WFO ADVISE SA MENDENHALL TO BE AVAILABLE
 AT ABOVE TIME TO RECEIVE CALL OF BERTRAM COPLON.

SCHEIDT.

WAK:CTG
 65-14932

MR. SCHEIDT
 MR. BELMONT
 MR. WHELAN
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Approved: ASG

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 12/3 P

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Per SEL

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MAR 24 1949
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THE BUREAU-S MEMO RE AMTORG WAS PREPARED BY SA R. J. LAMPHERE.
THIS MEMO WAS DELIVERED PERSONNALLY BY INSPECTOR H. B. FLETCHER TO
MR. FORD AT SIX PM ON MARCH THREE, FORTYNINE. WFO IS DETERMINING
THE SUBSEQUENT COURSE OF THE MEMO UP TO THE TIME IT REACHED
COPLON. DATE OF TRIAL STILL SET FOR APRIL FIRST, ACCORDING
TO MR. WHEARTY. WFO SHOULD EXPEDITE REPORT ON MATTERS
MENTIONED IN NEW YORK TELS.

HOOVER

WFO ADVISED

TIME 9-20 PM

END

ACK PLS

WA R 35 NYC

SAC

March 22, 1949

SA J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER

(C O P Y)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

At approximately 12.13 p.m. on March 19, 1949, the writer was doing some work on his radio at home and by chance turned on Station WOR. A program was heard on which a male voice, identified as a Mr. FARRELL, was in conversation with a female singer whose first name was given as MONICA. The man was in the process of making the statement that after the war he had been attached with the Secret Service, and from his experience knew of the great danger which was run by an organization having leaks from within. He stated that it was very unfortunate that the FBI had had an employee such as Miss COPLON because when they send an Agent into a town under an assumed name with the intent of joining organizations to obtain information, that such an employee as Miss COPLON, knowing of the undercover agent's existence, would greatly endanger his life and the lives of others working for him. FARRELL's conversation was definite in indicating that Miss COPLON was an employee of the FBI, and he did not mention anything about the Department of Justice.

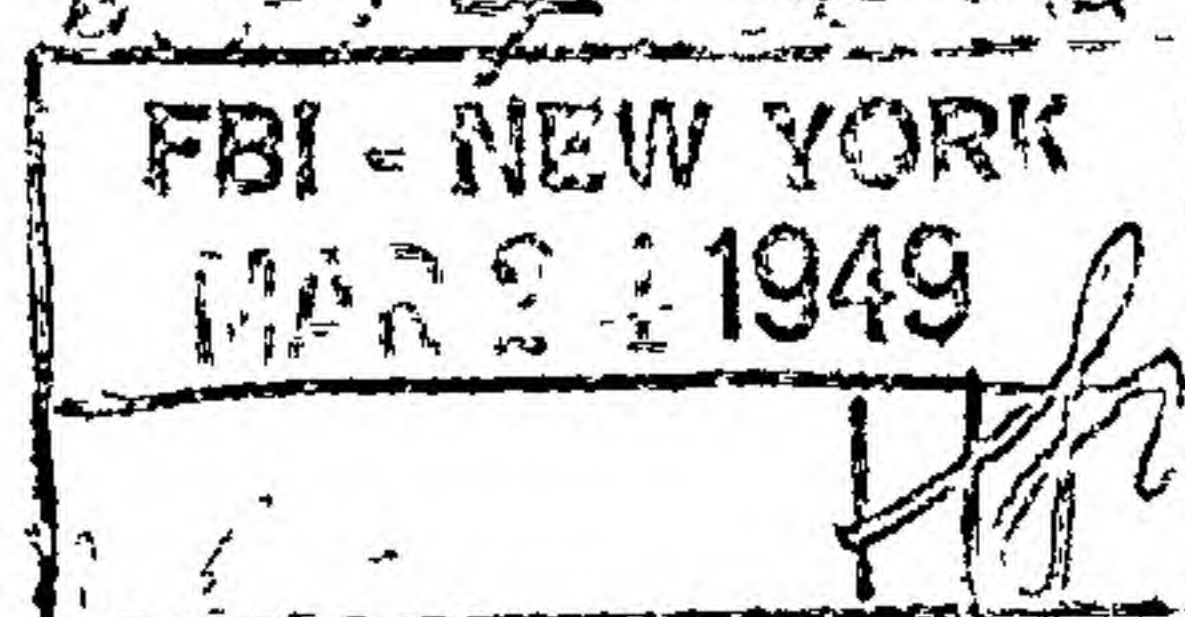
FARRELL later mentioned the fact that he had operated as an investigator in China during the war and had been instrumental in causing the arrest of 21 or 22 Chinese spies merely by showing them the "House on 92nd Street," a motion picture film produced by the FBI. He did not state with what organization he was connected in China. At this time he called to the microphone LLOYD NOLAN, motion picture actor, making the comment that now we'll find out about the inside of the FBI. He told NOLAN about his success in China using the "House on 92nd Street," and NOLAN asked if he had told Mr. HOOVER about it.

The above information as set forth by the writer is not verbatim. The words used are selected in an attempt to express the thoughts conveyed by FARRELL. His attitude was somewhat braggadocio, and it was apparent that he was very anxious to get into his program his background as a spy investigator of some sort.

At the conclusion of the program comment was made by the announcer that this was the first broadcast of a new program which would be continued from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays over Station WOR.

This is being brought to your attention in view of the fact that FARRELL may in the future make statements which might not be basically true, and further give the public the impression that Miss COPLON was an employee in the FBI itself and that the FBI had serious leaks. You may desire to bring this to the attention of the SAC covering WOR, which is understood to be located in Newark, N. J. Studios may be in New York City.

JPK:MEW/G/njm
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Director, FBI

SAC, Philadelphia

JUDITH COPLON
Espionage (E)

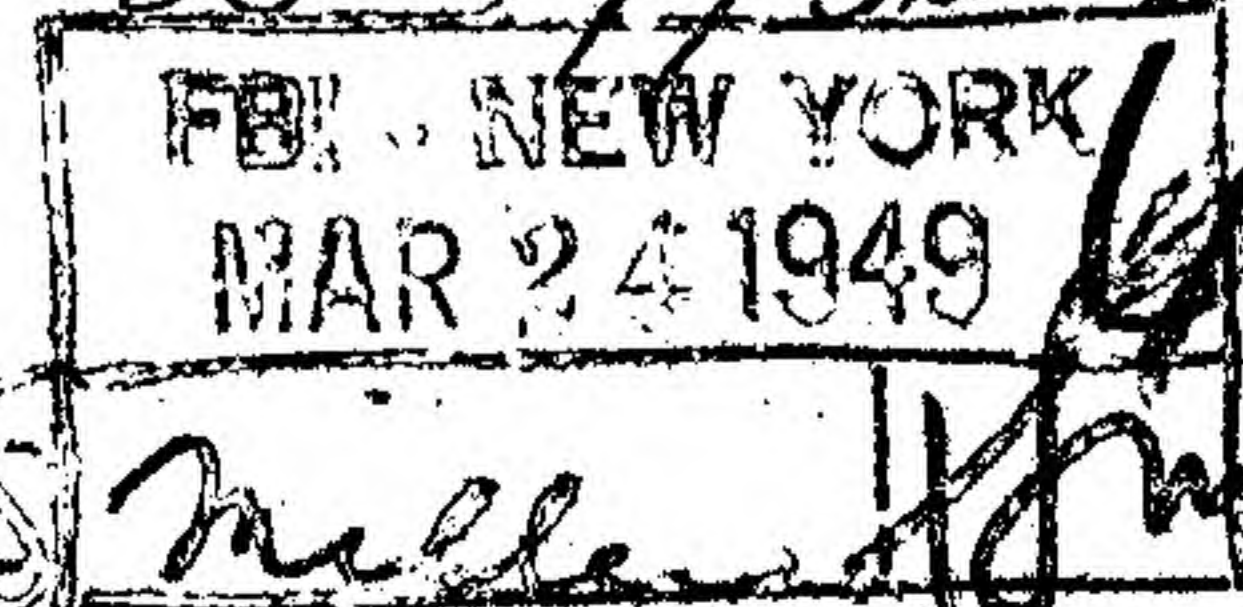
March 22, 1949

I am submitting copies of a memorandum dated 3/22/49 prepared by SA J. PHILIP KOCHEK REFR, which memorandum is self-explanatory. It is felt that the Bureau may desire to have the New York Office make further inquiry into this matter with the view to correcting Mr. FARWELL's misstatements.

LVB/mjm
65-4205

Enclosures (2)

cc New York (Enclosure-1)





United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

March 25, 1949

MEMO

Re: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

At 11:15 a.m. I called Mr. Nichols referring to Philadelphia letter to the Bureau dated March 22nd re a broadcast by FRANK FARRELL, columnist for the New York "World Telegram". This letter stated that one of the Philadelphia Agents had heard a program in which FARRELL, in discussing the COPLON case, had indicated MISS COPLON was employed by the FBI.

I advised Mr. Nichols that I had listened to transcripts of the broadcast and that no such statement was made by FARRELL. He merely indicated it was unfortunate that COPLON was in a position where she had access to files and reports of the FBI, and stated COPLON was an employee of the Department of Justice. I stated it was my opinion the Philadelphia Agent had tuned in late and misinterpreted FARRELL's remarks.

I mentioned that in the same broadcast, while interviewing LLOYD NOLAN, featured in "The House on 92nd Street", FARRELL had remarked that the showing of this picture in China had resulted in the capture and conviction of espionage agents there.

I asked Mr. Nichols if the Bureau desired to have recordings made of this broadcast, but he indicated it would be sufficient to summarize the information contained therein and submit it to the Bureau by letter, with a copy to the Philadelphia office.

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

ES:AG

*Rec'd Me
3-30-49*

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FBI - NEW YORK
MAR 25 1949

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ES
New York, N. Y.
March 25, 1949

.....	MR. SCHEIDT
.....	MR. BELMONT
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Director, FBI

Attn.: Assistant Director L. B. Nichols

RE: JUDITH COPLON
Espionage R.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telephone conversation with Assistant Director L. B. Nichols today, regarding letter of March 22, 1949 from the Philadelphia office to the Bureau and attached memorandum of SA J. Philip Kochendorfer describing portions of a broadcast he had heard on March 19th in which reference was made to Judith Coplon, and on which LLOYD NOLAN appeared and was interviewed.

In accordance with my conversation with Mr. Nichols, a transcript has been made of pertinent portions of this broadcast, two copies of which are forwarded to the Bureau herewith.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

Encls.

ES:MT

cc: Philadelphia, with enclosure.

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Announcer: WOR presents the first of a series of programs starring America's Singing Sweetheart, MONICA LEWIS (PH.), and the man behind the daily column of the New York World Telegram, FRANK FARRELL (PH.), with some anecdotes, some stories about your favorite celebrities, some of MONICA'S recordings and a feature story from the inside pocket of FRANK FARRELL (PH.) and their special guest LLOYD NOLAN (PH.)

Music.

M: Hello, this is MONICA LEWIS (PH.)
F: and this is FRANK FARRELL (PH.) looking at MONICA LEWIS (PH.) and looking at that four-inch coat of tan.

M: Don't you think I look healthy?
F: You certainly do. What have you been doing?

M: Well, I had the most wonderful time of my life in Florida. I was on vacation and of course I had to come back to this horrible snow.

F: Yes, you hit it just in time, Spring Monday and snow today.

M: Wasn't it awful?
F: MONICA, what did you do outside of coat of tan?

M: Well of course I did spend most of my time on the beach but the high spot of the whole trip was the showing of an eighteen-year old HARRY RICHMOND (PH.) Picture.
F: Oh, I think I know what one you mean.

M: You do?
F: What was the title of it?

M: It's called "Putting on the Ritz".
F: Yeah.

M: Hahah.
F: Yeah, uh..that's HARRY, (PH.)

M: Well HARRY (PH.) showed it at a little theatre and he had invited about fifty people, JOE E. LEWIS (PH.) was there, TONY MARTIN (PH.) and his lovely bride, F- - - (PH.), LOUIS SOBEL (PH.) and MILTON BERLE'S Mom.

F: Uh huh. Where was that? Was it in the theatre?..

M: Yes.

F: ..or in his home down there?

M: No it was in a regular theatre and, of course, it was very corny and the make-up was horrible but everyone had a great time - cry, everybody cried.

F: Well it must be a unique recollection piece. It was fun I bet.

M: What did you do while I was gone?

F: Well I've been observing people coming back from Florida. I've been down there a couple of times myself but not for long enough. WINNELL (PH.) got back last night and I spent the evening listening what was going on in Florida.

M: What did he tell you about..something about a horse?

F: Well, yeah. We talked about a horse and we talked about a lot of horses. In the first place I think the most exciting news is that JOHN NORTH (PH.) has offered him the opening night at the circus for the Cancer Research Fund,

M: Oh, terrific.

F: Everything that happened, peanuts, hot dogs, beer and everything that happens at the circus is going to Cancer Research on opening night, which I think is a wonderful gesture.

M: It certainly is and a worthy cause.

F: And about that horse.

M: Yeah, I heard about that horse..

(Story about the horse)

(Story about parachutes)

(Then songs by MONICA LEWIS)

F: Whose beautiful Irish tenor was that, MONICA?

M: Oh, FRANK, that was LAMMY DOGS.

F: Oh, I thought that was familiar. Incidentally, I am going on a television show with him next week.

M: Oh, really?

F: Uh-huh.

M: Well, girls, let me tell you. You should watch this show on Tuesday because FRANK is really, really handsome, and besides that, FRANK FARRELL is the man behind that daily column in the "World Telegram". Since we have FRANK by the ears, let's find out what is happening. FRANK, in your estimation, what is the story of the week?

F: Well, almost everybody would think the one in today's paper is, you know, the one about the Atlantic Pact.

M: Uh-huh.

F: But that is a story everybody can see through. You know, it is on page one, full of facts, and all the analysts have been talking about it and what it means, but, in my estimation, that is overt. That we can clearly see through. The story that fascinates me is the one about JUDITH GOPLON.

M: That fascinates me too.

F: Well, Judith, as you know, is that little 27-year old girl, rather beautiful, former employee of the Department of Justice who is now under arrest, under suspicion of conspiracy to commit espionage. You know about the story, don't you?

M: Yes, I certainly do.

F: Well, she was released on twenty thousand bail and then re-arrested on some other charges that haven't come out yet, and the trial will probably start next week.

M: It's hard to understand a girl doing that, you know.

F: Well, you can't tell the motive at this point. You can speculate on a great many things, but we don't even know the facts on the case, MONICA. Newspapermen have been speculating a great deal about it, but from my experience in Secret Service at the end of the war, this is terribly serious for this particular reason and I think our guest today will have something to say about that too.

because "The House on 92nd Street" was one of his pictures and had all to do with the FBI. Now, you know, anyone who has a position in the FBI who has some degree of security and confidence of the organization has access to files. Now, the terrible thing about somebody who has access to files who misuses those files is as follows. In the first place, the lives of every agent in the FBI are jeopardized and left wide open to attack from foreign agents who are informed who are the FBI men.

M: It's a terrible responsibility.

F: Well, it's a terrible tragedy if there are leaks in the Department of Justice because, suppose I am a Department of Justice man and I am traveling under an assumed name in a strange city all by myself, and I am supposed to join a subversive organization, and they have been tipped off that I am an FBI man, you know what happens to me. . .

M: You are dead!

F: I just disappear from the face of the earth.

M: That's right.

F: Now, at the same time, suppose I am a Communist agent, or suppose I am any foreign agent, I would presume a foreign power or enemy, and I am working to get atomic secrets, and I find out through a tip from the inner offices of the FBI that Agents are after me, I clear the country before I can be arrested or I burn the evidence before they can grab it. Now, this is not the worst part of this whole thing. When you think of our Agents, our men in foreign countries, all their lives have been jeopardized, for who knows how long, and all our projected plans in these countries, so far as intelligence is concerned, have been, are now, and will be continued to be known to the enemy as long as there are leaks.

M: Um, scares me, the whole thing.

F: Scares me.

M: (Laughter) I think it is admirable work if you know how, but I want to stick to singing and talking, it's much easier.

F: Well, we are talking about motives, MINICA, and it looks like love had something to do with this.

M: Oh?

F: As you know, there was a Russian man arrested with her. His name is VALENTINE GUDITCHEV.

M: Oh, there is a gentleman, is there?

F: Yes, there is always a man in the case. Have you got any songs about gentlemen?

M: Well, it looks to me like "The Gentleman Is a Lope".

F: Let's have it.

M: Alrighty.

(Play: "The Gentleman Is a Dope")

M: FRANK!! (Ph.)

F: Huh?

M: Here comes the FBI.

F: What a relief!

M: (Laughs)

F: This is one cop that I've been waiting for. LLOYD (Ph.), its wonderful to see you, Mr. NOLAN (Ph.) I can only tell you that I've been sweating out this visit right to the time that you just opened the door since six o'clock this morning.

LN: Well, you know I really hate to break into this. I've been sitting back here fascinated. I've learned more about what's been going on in New York and the FBI and so forth, but anyhow, if I don't see up your program, I'd love to join it.

F: People are certainly going to find out a few more things about what's going on when we talk to you. In the first place, you just stepped off the train didn't you?

LN: Yes indeed, I'm still bouncing.

M: Did you come from California, LLOYD?

LN: Uh huh, all the way.

M: Yeah --- (Ind.)

F: MONICA, I talked to him at quarter of eleven this morning and he said, "What time is it? Have I time for a shave and some breakfast?" and I said yes and he said "All right, I'll be with you shortly." You'd think he had his suit pressed.

M: Well I think he looks positively divine. I really do.

F: LLOYD, what's the nature of your business this time?

LN: Well, I came here to be present at the premiere of the opening of "Bad Boy". Its a picture we made in conjunction with the Variety Club.

F: That's that one that's opening Tuesday at the Palace?

LN: That's Tuesday at the Palace, yes. I just was handed the line-up of the personalities who are going to be on it and its really amazed me starting with MILTON BERLE (Ph.), and BAKER (Ph.), PHIL BAKER (Ph.) and so forth and so on. I can't remember their names now.

F: I'll bet its a star-studded list.

M: What did the Variety Club have to do with the picture LLOYD?

LN: Well you see, about once a year they make a picture and I think a goodly percentage of the picture goes to the Variety Clubs. Are you familiar, MONICA, with the...

M: Well, I am familiar with the Variety Clubs but I don't think the average person is. Would you explain a little bit about it?

LN: Well, its an organization of show people. Very, very few, if any, actors belong to it. Its show producers. They can be participating in promoting fights or they can own a circus, mainly its theater owners, theater managers and its their favorite charity. It started, I think, about fourteen - fifteen years ago. I may be wrong.

M: They do a great deal for children I know. They have children's camps..

LN: Mainly, mainly for children.

P: Its going to be a tremendous thing. What time in the evening will it start?

LN: Well, I believe, I'm not sure, I've just had this all thrown at me you know.

P: Yes, I imagine.

M: Yes, and so early in the morning.

P: He's mighty fresh!

LN: At eight o'clock I believe it starts and how, when it ends I do not know because the list of celebrities--if they just walked them on and walked them off, it would still go to 1:30, I think. But, incidentally, MONICA..

M: Uh huh

LN: I happened to, uh, this is very funny but one of the things you played here, the records you played "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms"..

M: Yes

LN: That happens to be the only song I ever sang in movies.

M: Did you sing it really?

LN: It was very funny. It was in a picture quite a while ago I made at Columbia called "One Way Ticket".

M: Uh huh

LN: And in it I was supposed to be a convict with a good voice and uh..being a little bit younger at that time...

M: Uh huh, well lets hear you sing a little bit now.

LN: Well, I told them I had sung. I didn't say any too well.

M: Uh huh.

LN: So they took, not wanting to spend too much money having the song orchestrated, they took one out of public domain..

M: Uh huh

LN: But they didn't know that "Believe me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" takes a LANNY ROSS (Ph.) to sing.

M: Oh, I'd love to hear it.

F: Yeah, that's...(Laughs)

LN: So I got by with it all right lets say, and then we went to the preview and of course, my wife was even more nervous than I was and when I started to sing she let out a laugh. I think I broke five bones in her hand making her shut up.

M: Well, how did it sound? Was it good?

LN: It was all right, I mean..

F: You know MONICA, that doesn't surprise me a bit because I've been following LLOYD'S career for years ever since he, I think, first broke into public print as an actor, I think, it was in 1927 with the Pasadena Players.

LN: Uh huh

F: And, as you know, he was a star athlete at Sanford, wasn't it?

LN: Well yes, Stanford.

F: Uh huh

LN: Not a star, I didn't say that.

M: You're modest, you really are.

F: On top of that MONICA, he enjoys the reputation in Hollywood of being the most dependable, the most versatile, all-round actor they have and I'm proud to have him here this morning for a number of reasons. LLOYD, out in China I was involved in a big spy case in which twenty-one Germans had continued hostilities against us after the German surrender up until the Japanese surrender.

LN: Uh huh

F: We convinced the American Military Commission that these people did what they actually did by showing them a picture you made and I think its one of your best--"The House On 92nd Street".

LN: Is that so?

F: Well, we got very heavy sentences, mostly on the basis of the confirmation of all that they were doing by showing the picture.

LN: Is that right? Did you tell HOOVER (Ph.) that?

FAM: (Both laugh)

M: You know, Mr. NOLAN, I have always wanted to be in moving pictures and one of the things I always wanted to do was to play one of those real tough gun molls, you know. The name of the picture we should do, you and me, we should do, "All right, Louie, Drop the Gun."

LN: Now, MONICA, MONICA, it ain't a gun, that's a gat.

M: "All right, Baby, Drop that Gat and Git".

F: MONICA, speaking of "The House on 92nd Street", there is a song I like, and I think you have done a recording of it. It has something to do with a house.

M: Oh, that is "The House I Live In".

LN: Oh, I know that. That is a favorite.

M: Do you like that?

F: Let's have it.

(Play: "The House I Live In")

M: Well, LLOYD, you are the nicest cop I knew, and it was a pleasure to have you here today.

LN: Thank you, MONICA.

F: I would say one of the handsomest too, but . . .

M: But, definitely.

F: LLOYD, thanks so much for being here, and thanks for that "House on 92nd Street". I ought to give you half of my medals because it helped me win them.

(Laughter)

LN: Thank you, both of you. It's the warmest kind of welcome I could have to New York.

F: So long.

LN: So long.

(Music)

F: This winds up another edition until next Saturday noon.

M: That's right, and until then folks, this is MONICA LEWIS saying "Good Afternoon".

F: And this is FRANK FARRELL.

Announcer: You have been listening to the first of a new series of programs with MONICA LEWIS and FRANK FARRELL. Let's make it a date for next week for some more news, some more recordings, and RAY BOLGER. Next Saturday noon at 710 on your dial.

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Director, FBI

March 23, 1949

SAC, Kansas City

JUDITH COPLON, ETAL
ESPIONAGE

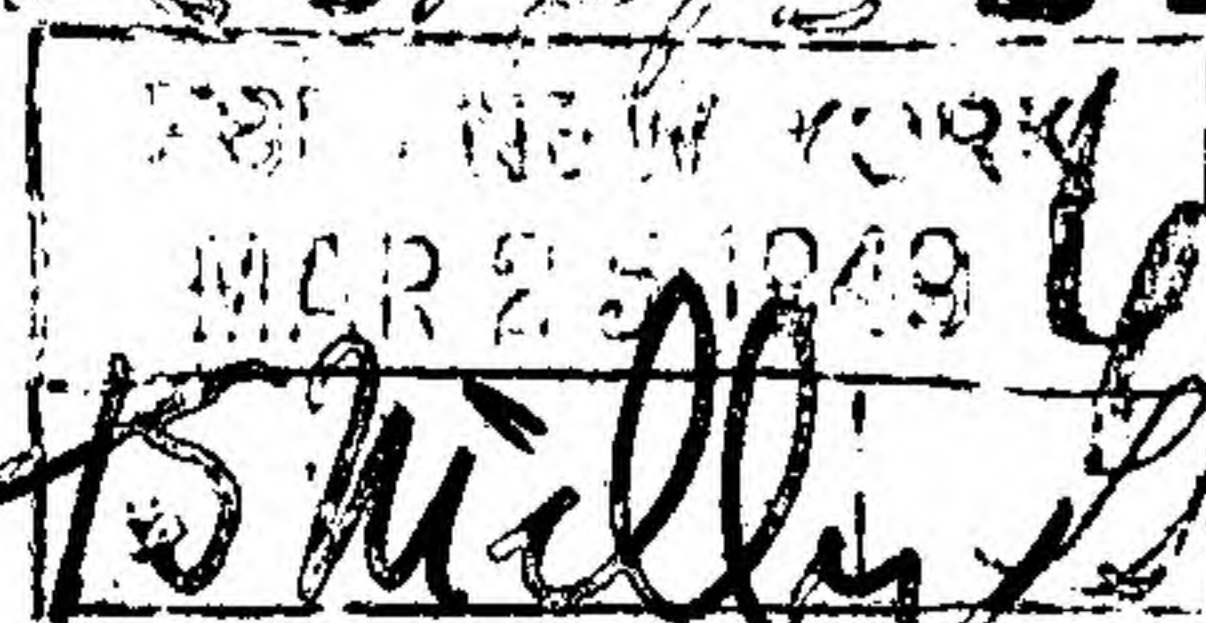
On the morning of March 23, 1949 Mr. JAY BIVENS, Chief Counsel for the Aetna Casualty Company, Kansas City, Missouri, and with whom I attended law school at the University of North Carolina, informed me that he has recently read in the press that one ALEXANDER PALMER, an attorney of the New York area, is representing JUDITH COPLON. *Archibald*

Mr. BIVENS stated, while connected with the Aetna Casualty Company in Philadelphia, he had occasion to appear in court in some cases in which some claimants were represented by PALMER. He described PALMER as a Russian who has Anglicized his name, that PALMER is decidedly offensive, is a difficult attorney in court, and is given to making sententious remarks and usually is in contempt of court. Mr. BIVENS informed me he does not know PALMER well but his contacts with him have been decidedly unpleasant and he believes him to be an individual who is communistically inclined although of this he has no distinct proof and that he associates with persons who are so inclined. Mr. BIVENS also added that he is certain that PALMER is the type of attorney who would not appear in a law suit unless he were paid a large fee.

The foregoing is furnished for the information of the Bureau and the New York Office.

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Director, FBI

GUY MOTTET, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COFLON
ESPIONAGE - R
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March 24, 1949

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Reference is made to letter from SAC, New York to SAC, Washington Field, dated March 16, 1949, requesting the Washington Field Office to review Department of Justice records concerning Mrs. MILTON G. BRAVER, nee PAULINE MARGIN.

The personnel file of PAULINE MARGIN reflects that she was born September 14, 1923 in New York City; her residence was given as 3225 Bainbridge Avenue. Her parents are JACK MARGIN, father, born in Russia and HELEN PEAFFER, mother, born in Vienna, Austria.

The application for employment with the Justice Department reflects that she attended Evander Childs High School, 600 East Gunhill Road, New York City from 1937 to 1941 and the Monroe Secretarial School, 1940 Boston Road, New York City from February 1941 to June 1941. No mention is made of college; however, an employee questionnaire dated October 25, 1945, indicates that she attended Hunter College for two years.

The application for employment further reflects that she was employed from June 1939 to September 1940 with the Chain Building Corporation, 391 East 149th Street, New York City and from February 1941 to May 1942 with Samuel H. Moss, Incorporated, 36 East 23rd Street, New York City.

PAULINE MARGIN stated on the form that she was winner of "America's Perfect Secretary" held at New York World's Fair by the Underwood, Elliot Fischer Company and she gave the following references all in New York City:

STANLEY KATZ, 395 Riverside Drive
HENRY BROWNER, 409 East 204th Street
J. RALSON, 3227 Bainbridge Avenue
Dr. JOSEPH COLOMB, 1874 Grand Concourse.

On May 22, 1942, PAULINE MARGIN was appointed as Junior Stenographer with the Department of Justice in the Anti-Trust Division in New York. In August 1943 she was transferred to the War Division, Economic Warfare Section. On June 19, 1945 she was transferred to Washington, D. C. from New York City into the Alien Property Section of the War Division. On December 29, 1945 she

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was transferred to the Claims Division, Alien Property Section and was terminated from the Department of Justice at the close of business August 16, 1946, after submitting her resignation giving as a reason that she was going to be married.

The following papers were contained in the personnel file and were signed by PAULINE HARGIN:

An Affidavit prohibiting Government employees from striking against the United States Government. This Affidavit was dated July 17, 1946, and revealed that at that time she was on duty with the Alien Property Unit in Frankfurt, Germany.

The Oath of Office which includes a personal affidavit explaining the provisions of the Hatch Act and the United States Civil Service Declaration of Appointee.

There was no indication in the Department of Justice records that she was ever secretary to O. JOHN ROGGE.

cc: New York

607 U.S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

March 24, 1949

[REDACTED]
Re: VALENTIN A. GUBITCHEV
JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Gentlemen:

Attention: [REDACTED]

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In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you make available to Special Agent John A. Ruehle all records relative to [REDACTED] the following:

[REDACTED]

The information furnished by you will not be disclosed to any unauthorized persons without the use of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [REDACTED]

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice
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New York, New York

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RE: JUDITH COPLON
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March 25, 1949

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On the morning of March 25, Attorney ARCHIE PALMER called to advise that JUDITH COPLON would like to have turned over to her the personal items which were contained in her purse at the time of her apprehension. He advised that she was particularly interested in her eye glasses and the money which was in the purse, as well as any other personal items which would be of no evidentiary value.

I advised Mr. PALMER that we would check on the status of these items and would call him back as to their availability to Miss COPLON at this time. His telephone number is Worth 2-6600.

Prior to releasing any of these items, clearance should be obtained from the Department in the person of Mr. Donegan or Mr. Whearty. A check should be made of these items at once and Mr. Donegan should be consulted as to whether they should be released to Miss COPLON.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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Mr. Donegan advised to to
Palmer, Whearty will be
in N. Y. Monday 5/28
and Palmer should call him
re: above. Jfm

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At 3 PM. 5/25 I called Mr.
Palmer's office, and at request
of his partner Mr. Weinberger,
told him to have Palmer
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March 25, 1949

Director, FBI

Re: VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau are copies of a communication received by Special Assistant to the Attorney General T. J. DONEGAN from MR. THOMAS F. POWER, JR., Deputy Secretary General of the United States Mission to the United Nations. The enclosures are transcripts of conferences held at the Federal House of Detention between representatives of the Soviet Government and GUBITCHEV.

Also enclosed for the ~~confidential~~ information of the Bureau and not to be distributed outside of the Bureau is a photostatic copy of the note the Secretary of State handed Ambassador FANYUSHKIN, of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, on March 24th.

Also enclosed is a copy of the State Department's reply to FOWLER HAMILTON in answer to his request for information concerning GUBITCHEV. This consists of a letter from STANLEY WOODWARD and HERVE L'HEUREUX.

It is emphasized that the correspondence enclosed is for the ~~confidential~~ information of the Bureau and under no circumstances is to be disseminated.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
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cc--NY 65-14932 ✓

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New York, New York
March 25, 1949

BUREAU, WASHINGTON FIELD URGENT

VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, ESPIONAGE -R.

ARTICLES REMOVED FROM SUBJECT'S PERSON AT TIME OF SEARCH INCIDENTAL TO HIS ARREST ON MARCH FOURTH, NINETEEN FORTY NINE INCLUDED SIXTEEN BUSINESS CALLING CARDS, SOME WITH PENCILED NOTATIONS AND NAMES THEREON, A NINETEEN FORTY NINE DIARY, WHICH LISTED AMONG OTHER THINGS TEN NY TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ELEVEN NAMES OF PERSONS AND COMPANIES AND CERTAIN ADDRESSES. INVESTIGATION RE BUSINESS CALLING CARDS REFLECTS THAT THESE CONTACTS WERE OF A BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL NATURE, CONSEQUENTLY, WHERE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION RE CONTACT DEVELOPED IN PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, CONTACTS BEING INTERVIEWED. TELEPHONE NUMBERS, NAMES AND ADDRESSES CONTAINED IN GUBITCHEV'S NINETEEN FORTY NINE DIARY MAY CONCERN ESPIONAGE OR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AND INVESTIGATION TO DATE OF THESE CONTACTS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED TO DEVELOPING OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AND IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THESE CONTACTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED PRIOR TO TRIAL UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY INASMUCH AS INTERVIEW AT THIS TIME WITHOUT COMPLETE AND FULL INVESTIGATION MIGHT PREJUDICE AN ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION.

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VALENTIN A. GUBITCHEV, ESPIONAGE - R. INQUIRY AT UNITED NATIONS REVEALS
THAT THERE HAS BEEN A STOP PLACED ON SUBJECT'S PERSONNEL FILE BY BYRON
PRICE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES, U.N. BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO CONTACT PRICE
RE THE OBTAINING OF ACCESS TO SUBJECT'S PERSONNEL FILE.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

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March 25, 1949

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
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MR. ZIEGLER

On the afternoon of March 25, Mr. T. J. Donegan made available a copy of the memorandum prepared by the Department concerning the question whether defendant GUBITCHEV had diplomatic immunity. He advised that the original of this was given to Judge Rifkind and copies were furnished to Mr. POWER of the UN and to Attorney HAMILTON, who was requested by Judge Rifkind to prepare information concerning the immunity question. Three photostatic copies of this were made, one of which was returned with the memorandum to Mr. Donegan and one of which should be sent to the Bureau for its information.

Relative to the Aide Memoir, a copy of which was furnished to us by Mr. Donegan and which was photostatted and returned to him, it is desired to stress that this was furnished to us confidentially. Mr. Donegan advised that the original went to Judge Rifkind for his confidential information but it was not otherwise distributed and must remain confidential until it is published about 10 days from now. When the photostat of the Aide Memoir is sent to the Bureau, this should be pointed out to the Bureau.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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JUDITH COPLON, WITH ALIASES, ESPIONAGE - R. ON THIS DATE MR. RAYMOND WHEARTY REQUESTED THAT THE CHARTS PREPARED BY YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THE SURVEILLANCES OF COPLON AND GUBITCHEV FOR JANUARY FOURTEEN, FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN AND MARCH FOUR LAST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU FOR TRANSMITTAL TO HIM. HE HAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT CHARTS BE PREPARED OF A SUFFICIENT SIZE THAT THEY MAY BE USED AT THE TRIAL IN ORDER THAT EACH AGENT PARTICIPATING MAY INDICATE ON THE CHARTS FOR THE JURY-S BENEFIT THE PART HE PLAYED IN THE SURVEILLANCE. YOU SHOULD GIVE THESE MATTERS YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

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Director, FBI

March 28, 1949

SAC, New York

VALENTIN A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

Transmitted herewith for the ~~confidential~~ information of the Bureau is a copy of a memorandum prepared by the Department concerning the question of GUBITCHEV'S diplomatic immunity.

The original of this memorandum was furnished to Judge Hifkind.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

----- NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 28, 1949.

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU --- URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. NYT FIVE ONE TWO ADVISED THAT THE FATHER
OF THE SUBJECT DIED TONIGHT, BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU IN VIEW OF
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United States Department of Justice
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New York, New York

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March 28, 1949

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
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MR. SCHEIDT
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On the afternoon of March 28, 1949, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that we had been in touch with Mr. T. J. Donegan this morning to arrange to go over with Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly the various aspects of this case in order that we could immediately prepare a summary report for the trial which is scheduled for April 1. Mr. Donegan called me back this afternoon to advise that he had spoken to Mr. Whearty in Washington; that Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly are not coming up to New York; rather, they are going to prepare a trial brief directly from Bureau reports. Therefore, a summary report is not necessary, according to Mr. Donegan. I advised Mr. Fletcher that in view of this, we are not going to prepare a summary report but we wanted the Bureau to know this inasmuch as the Department will undoubtedly be requesting information for the trial brief. I pointed out that we had advised the Bureau and Washington Field sometime ago of the information desired by the Department concerning this. I advised Mr. Fletcher that we had been assuming the responsibility for the summary report, but, in view of Mr. Donegan's definite statement that a summary report would not be necessary, we wanted to let the Bureau know we are not going to prepare one. Mr. Fletcher advised the Bureau is in constant touch with Mr. Whearty concerning this matter and the information desired by the Department will be furnished in Washington.

Mr. Fletcher advised that Mr. Whearty wants a "blown up" copy of the map reflecting the route taken by COPLON and GUBITCHEV during the surveillance prior to their apprehension. I advised Mr. Fletcher that I would check to see whether we could blow up the map here or whether it would be necessary to have the Bureau do it.

On the afternoon of March 28, while speaking to Mr. Ken DeLavigne of the Washington Field office, he advised that BERT COPLON had been in Washington over the weekend and had gone to JUDITH COPLON's apartment to pick up her personal effects. He was accompanied by SA Mendenhall. Upon their return from the apartment, while COPLON and Mendenhall were waiting for clearance from Mr. Whearty to go to JUDITH COPLON's office in the Justice Building, BERT COPLON made a number of comments to Mendenhall to the effect that in the United States Constitution, it says that a person is innocent until he is proved guilty and he is taking that attitude insofar as his sister JUDITH is concerned; further, that he believes she is a pawn in the international relations between the United States and Russia. He further commented that "the FBI must have run out of nickels" to pick up JUDITH COPLON and GUBITCHEV before she had passed the papers to GUBITCHEV.

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BERT COPLON further stated that he has not discussed this case with his sister and does not intend to unless she wants to discuss it with him. Mr. DeLavigne advised that there were other statements of this type made by BERT COPLON which strongly indicated that BERT COPLON does not intend to be cooperative with the Bureau. He advised that a letter is in transit, setting forth this information. I advised Mr. DeLavigne that BERT COPLON had strongly indicated to this office that he would be cooperative but that for the past week or so, we had been inclined to doubt his sincerity inasmuch as he had produced nothing and that we have no intention of attempting to go along with BERT COPLON in any way unless he comes forth and cooperates.

A. H. BELMONT
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REPORT MADE AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 3-24-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-11, 12-49	REPORT MADE BY VINCENT T. HARTNETT :at
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, with aliases - ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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NATHAN T. ELLIFF, Attorney, Pekin, Ill., advised he supervised COPLON in Foreign Agents' Registration Section from 1-1-46 to Thanksgiving 1946. ELLIFF had been with the Department of Justice, Criminal Division, for approximately 7 years. ELLIFF knows nothing derogatory concerning COPLON, has no information indicating she had access to any information from Department files. Knows nothing of her character. ELLIFF advised he had heard his name had been given to the Un-American Activities Committee as a Communist when COPLON'S name was also given. Explains his name on list in possession of Un-American Activities Committee by stating former employee he released due to budgetary requirements, had probably for spite included his name in the list he gave to the House Committee as Communists in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype to Springfield dated 3-10-49.

DETAILS:

AT PEKIN, ILLINOIS:

The interview with NATHAN T. ELLIFF set out below was conducted by the writer and Special Agent WILLIAM C. RITT at the office of Elliff and Elliff, located on the southeast corner of the courthouse square at Pekin.

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NATHAN T. ELLIFF is presently practicing law as a partner with his father. As soon as the agents introduced themselves to ELLIFF, he remarked that he knew the purpose of the visit.

ELLIFF explained his connection with JUDITH COPLON by saying that he had been in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C., from November, 1940, to Thanksgiving of 1946, and then had been on terminal leave, making occasional visits back to Washington from Pekin, Illinois, until he was finally dropped from the rolls of the Department in early 1947.

About January 1, 1946, the Criminal Division of the Department took over the War Division and the Foreign Agents' Registration Section, which was housed in the Hutchins Building, Washington, D. C. ELLIFF was placed in charge of the Foreign Agents' Registration Section, but he also retained his position in the Criminal Division. Inasmuch as the two sections or divisions were located in separate buildings, ELLIFF explained that he spent about two to three hours a day at the Hutchins Building and the balance of his time in the Justice Building. He made a habit of appearing in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section from about 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and again in the afternoon from about 4:00 or 4:15 p.m., to 5:00 p.m.

ELLIFF believed that when he took over the section as its Chief, JUDITH COPLON was employed there as a P-1 Political Analyst. He was unable to recall her clearly, couldn't remember nothing about her work except that it was possible that she was adept at speaking and reading the French language and he had her assigned in the French propaganda section of the Foreign Agents' Registration Section. Her job would have been to check foreign propaganda and handle the clerical phase of registering those individuals who had to be registered under the Foreign Agents' Registration Act.

He could remember nothing about COPLON'S work and advised that he had no association with her outside of office hours, could not recall talking to her even on business in the office except on one or two occasions, knew nothing about her character or moral habits, and advised that while he was with the Department of Justice supervising JUDITH COPLON he is fairly sure that she did not have access as a general rule to any confidential information which would be included in reports from the FBI or other sources which were considered important and confidential to the Department. She merely handled propaganda furnished to the Department by French agents entering or already in this country.

He suggested that if LARRY KNAPP, former Chief of the Section of the Department, or DAVE BOOKSTAVEN, ELLIFF'S assistant in the Section, had

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not been interviewed, they probably would be able to furnish more direct and valuable information concerning the work habits and character of COPLON. ELLIFF himself had no information to offer concerning COPLON'S loyalty or disloyalty, saying that he was not in a position to have obtained such information.

ELLIFF then volunteered the following information, advising that he had heard that his name had been furnished to the House Un-American Activities Committee as a Communist employed in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section. He had also heard that this information had not come to light until the recent arrest of JUDITH COPLON, and he desired to give his story concerning the appearance of his name on any list of names which might indicate that he was a Communist.

Shortly after the Criminal Division absorbed the Foreign Agents' Registration Section, it became necessary, due to budgetary limitations, to cut approximately fifty per cent of the personnel from the section. As a result ELLIFF, ROY McCAULEY and NATHAN FRANKE, after a survey had been made of the section by the FBI, reviewed all the personnel files in the section and decided in the manner of a panel board who to retain and who to let go, using retention schedules, paying some attention to seniority and taking all factors into consideration, including that of security to the United States. Here, again, ELLIFF advised that at this time he must have reviewed the personnel file of JUDITH COPLON and still could not recall that there was anything which made him suspicious of her in the way of a security risk. In any event, as a result of this budgetary cut in personnel, ELLIFF advised that he was partially responsible for the dismissal or release of one STEVE MAMSCHER (phonetic).

In addition to other personnel of the Foreign Agents' Registration Section, ELLIFF recalls that of all the persons released as a result of this necessary cut in personnel, MAMSCHER was the only one who objected strenuously and apparently was very angry in a personal sort of a way both at ELLIFF and BOOKSTAVEN, who was acting as ELLIFF'S assistant, and also JIM McINERNEY, ELLIFF'S superior in the Department of Justice. MAMSCHER vigorously protested to ELLIFF concerning his release, and McINERNEY advised ELLIFF that MAMSCHER also appeared before him and objected to his release. Until that time ELLIFF knew nothing concerning MAMSCHER and had had no difficulties with him and was not aware that his release had left any lasting impression on MAMSCHER or had affected the relationship between himself and MAMSCHER in any way.

ELLIFF advised that the reason he left MAMSCHER go was because it was the consensus of the panel board, which reviewed the file, that the Department of Justice would benefit more by the release of high salaried analysts, which included MAMSCHER, who, in his opinion were unnecessary because the

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bulk of the work performed by the Foreign Agents' Registration Section was more of a bookkeeping and clerical type of work. Release of high-priced analysts would allow the retention of lower salaried analysts and employees to do this work.

In addition to that ELLIFF reported that the Department would benefit by the release of the high priced analysts because these analysts, generally speaking, had the impression that they were investigators and on many occasions would set themselves up as superior to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. ELLIFF advised that inasmuch as he had the facilities of the FBI available to the Department to assist him in his work, he figured that additional investigators were unnecessary.

ELLIFF advised that MAMSCHER, in his opinion, was the source from which the House Un-American Activities Committee obtained his name as that of a Communist in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section. ELLIFF knew that his name appeared in such a list. He stated that he knew this because he had received a call from Congressman HAROLD A. VELDE on March 6, 1949, after other phone calls had been made and received by ELLIFF with JIM McINERNEY, DAVE BOOKSTAVAR and ALEXANDER CAMPBELL. From these phone calls ELLIFF reconstructed the following story:

At the time the personnel was being dismissed, STEVE MAMSCHER was released, and he is the one who bitterly complained to ELLIFF and McINERNEY and was very angry over his dismissal. As a result, MAMSCHER went to the House Un-American Activities Committee and gave the name of ELLIFF, COPLON, BOOKSTAVAR and LOUIS NEMSER (phonetic) as being Communists in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section. This move, according to ELLIFF, was motivated by a resentful attitude on the part of MAMSCHER.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, in a telephone call subsequent to publicity in the COPLON case, asked ELLIFF if he recalled an investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee by the name of RUSSELL. Although at the time ELLIFF did not recall the name, ELLIFF has now been able to recall that RUSSELL had appeared in his office as an investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee and asked ELLIFF, as head of the section, for confidential files of the Department which included reports from the FBI. ELLIFF refused the request and explained that it would be taken up with higher authorities in the Department, which included JIM McINERNEY and a man by the name of McGRANNERY, for their opinion as to the release of the files. He recalls that RUSSELL was upset because his request was refused but ELLIFF can recall nothing more about his attitude or the conversation.

Subsequently ELLIFF did write a memorandum referring the request to the higher authorities mentioned and recalls discussing the situation personally with JIM McINERNEY. On a subsequent call made by ALEXANDER CAMPBELL to ELLIFF, CAMPBELL advised ELLIFF that the Department has now found in its files the memorandum written by ELLIFF, which is referred to above, and

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that upon finding this memorandum, the House Un-American Activities Committee has retracted any statement to the effect that ELLIFF was uncooperative and refused RUSSELL a review of the file and admitted to the Department that their investigator, RUSSELL, had never asked ELLIFF at any time about COPLON.

ELLIFF explained that that is how his name happened to be on the same list with that of JUDITH COPLON, and he was sure that members of the Department of Justice, who had been there for years and who are in high positions, will agree that that is how his name actually appeared in the file.

The only thing ELLIFF knows about MAMSCHER is that he believes that at this time he is a professor or an instructor at Wayne University.

ELLIFF later explained on March 11, 1949, upon making a visit to the writer's home, as to ELLIFF'S idea as to why MAMSCHER might have picked out the four names he did in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section to include on the list of so-called Communists. The following are ELLIFF'S reasons for the names appearing on MAMSCHER'S list:

ELLIFF'S name appeared because MAMSCHER felt he was the man responsible for his release from the Department.

BOOKSTAVEN'S name was there because he was ELLIFF'S acting assistant in charge of the office when ELLIFF wasn't there and MAMSCHER felt that he was equally responsible for his dismissal.

NEMSER'S name appeared on the list because NEMSER was the only high priced analyst in the same classification as MAMSCHER who was maintained at the time of the cut in personnel.

COPLON'S name appeared because when MAMSCHER argued with ELLIFF and McINERNEY concerning his release, he complained bitterly that the Department was keeping "young inexperienced kids and letting experts go."

The only two analysts left after the budgetary cut in the same classification as JUDITH COPLON was herself and one BERNARD MORRIS. ELLIFF believed MAMSCHER picked on COPLON rather than MORRIS probably because in the first place she was a girl and was not considered by MAMSCHER to be as intelligent, and in the second place COPLON was single with no financial responsibility while MORRIS was married and had a family. For all ELLIFF knew MAMSCHER and MORRIS may have been friendly also.

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Again at the time of this interview, ELLIFF was asked whether he had been able to recall any information which might be of assistance concerning JUDITH COPLON'S activities, and he said that even after he had been personally injected into the case and had done a lot of mental research, he was still unable to recall anything which would give him the slightest idea that she was doing anything wrong while in his employ and that she had been at that time a poor security risk. No information of that nature was recalled by him.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York



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March 28, 1949

RE: POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR
SURVEILLING AGENTS
RE PHILIP G. PAVIA
AND ALIX REUTHER;
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Mr. BRUNO MUSIC, postal carrier, Old Chelsea Post Office, 217 West 17th Street, New York City, whose identity should be protected, furnished the following information:

Mr. MUSIC stated that DANIEL SINN, who operated a liquor store located at 64 West 9th Street, New York City, also is the leader and prime mover in the Democratic Political Club located at 46 West 8th Street.

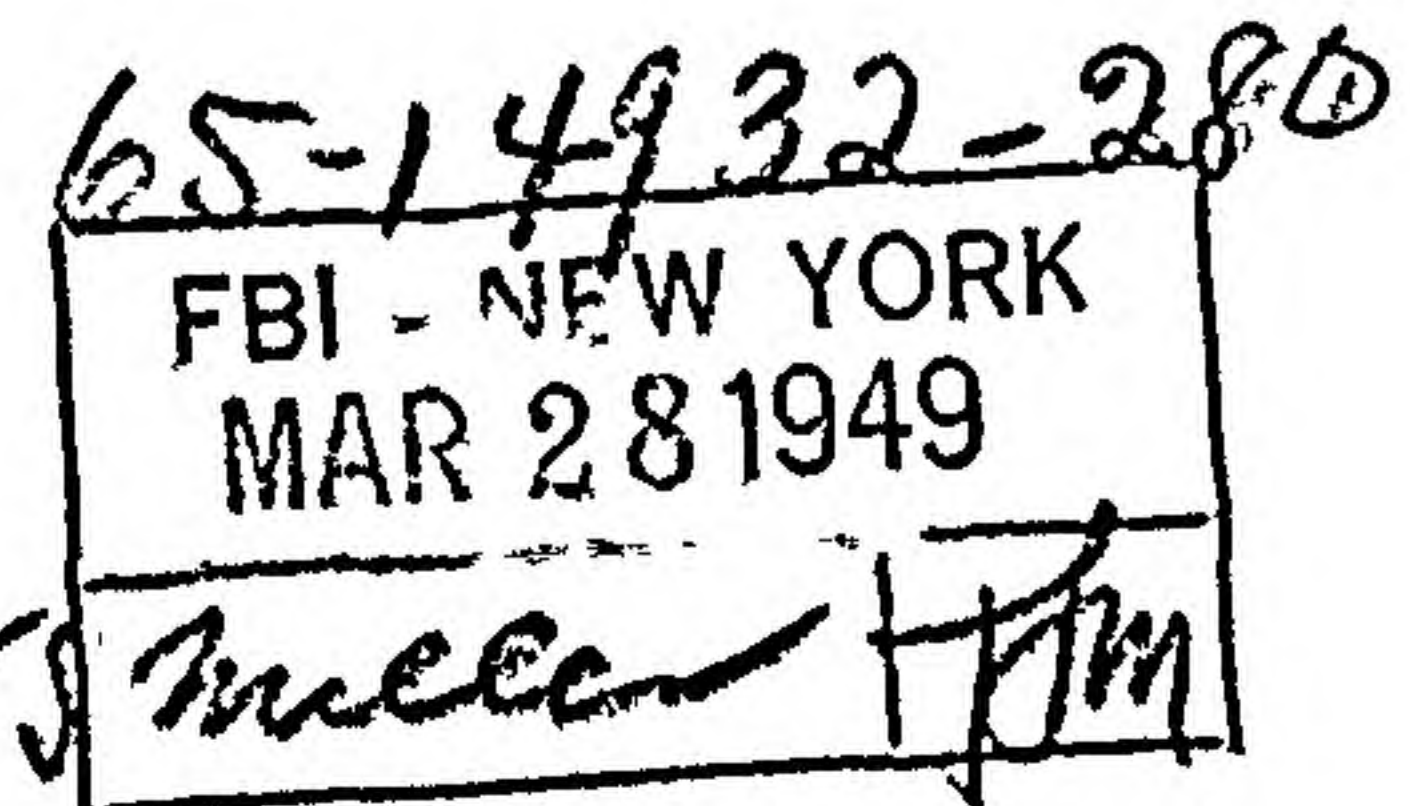
Mr. MUSIC stated that the windows of this political club overlook West 8th Street and, from the windows of this club, it would be appropriate to conduct a surveillance of the residence of PHILIP G. PAVIA, at 53 West 8th Street. This club also overlooks the residence of ALIX REUTHER, 59 West 8th Street.

Mr. MUSIC stated that, in his opinion, SINN, a former sheriff of New York County, would be reliable and would be willing to cooperate with Agents of this office in the event it is deemed advisable to use this club as a vantage point in conducting a surveillance of both above-captioned individuals.

ROBERT L. SCHWARTZ, SA

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. REFER NY REPORT MARCH EIGHT FORTY NINE THIS CASE. PAGES FIVE NINE THROUGH SIX THREE SET OUT THE THREE PAGE DOCUMENT TAKEN FROM COPLON ON MARCH FOUR LAST, WHICH DEALS WITH HER OBSERVATIONS OF ALFRED BOYNTON STEVENSON, LORRAINE ELKIN AND ALVIN SINDERBRAND. NY OF OPINION THAT COPLON WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS AS POSSIBLE RECRUITS FOR SOVIET ESPIONAGE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE NY OF OPINION THESE PEOPLE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED. COPLON CERTAINLY KNOWS SHE HAD DOCUMENT IN HER POSSESSION AND IT IS NOT FELT THAT SUCH INTERVIEWS WOULD PREJUDICE AN INVESTIGATION OF THEM. AT TWELVE FORTY FIVE AM MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST COPLON ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO COMMUNICATE WITH ALVIN SINDERBRAND, DI EIGHT FOUR FIVE EIGHT. BUREAU SHOULD ADVISE WFO RE ITS DECISION THIS MATTER.

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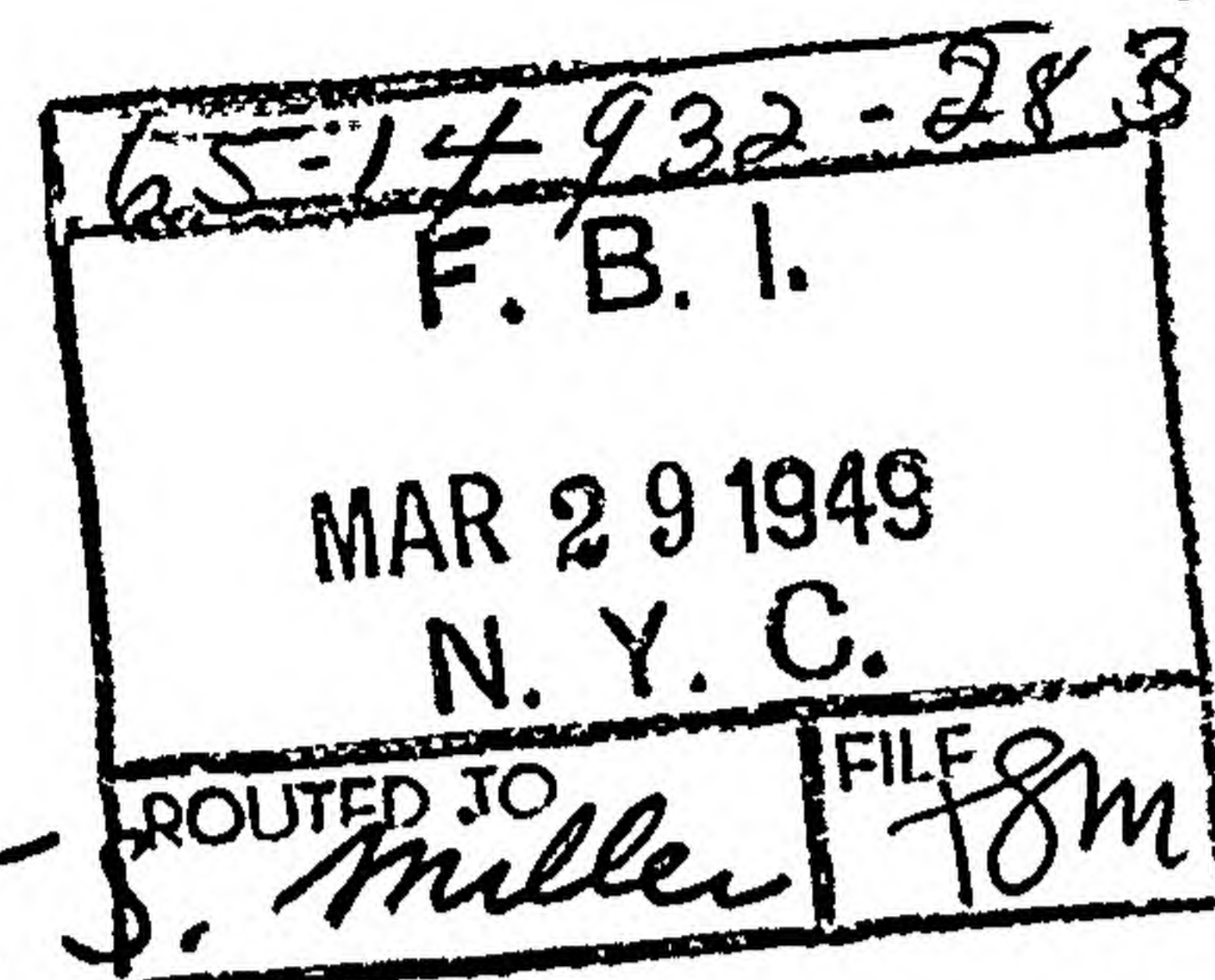
RE: JUDITH COPLON
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On the morning of March 29, in the absence of Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau, I advised his secretary that Special Agent Ray Wirth is on his way down to Washington with the reports on JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE GUBITCHEV and the charts on the surveillance. Agent Wirth will be in Mr. Fletcher's office about 4:00 pm this afternoon.

A. H. BELMONT
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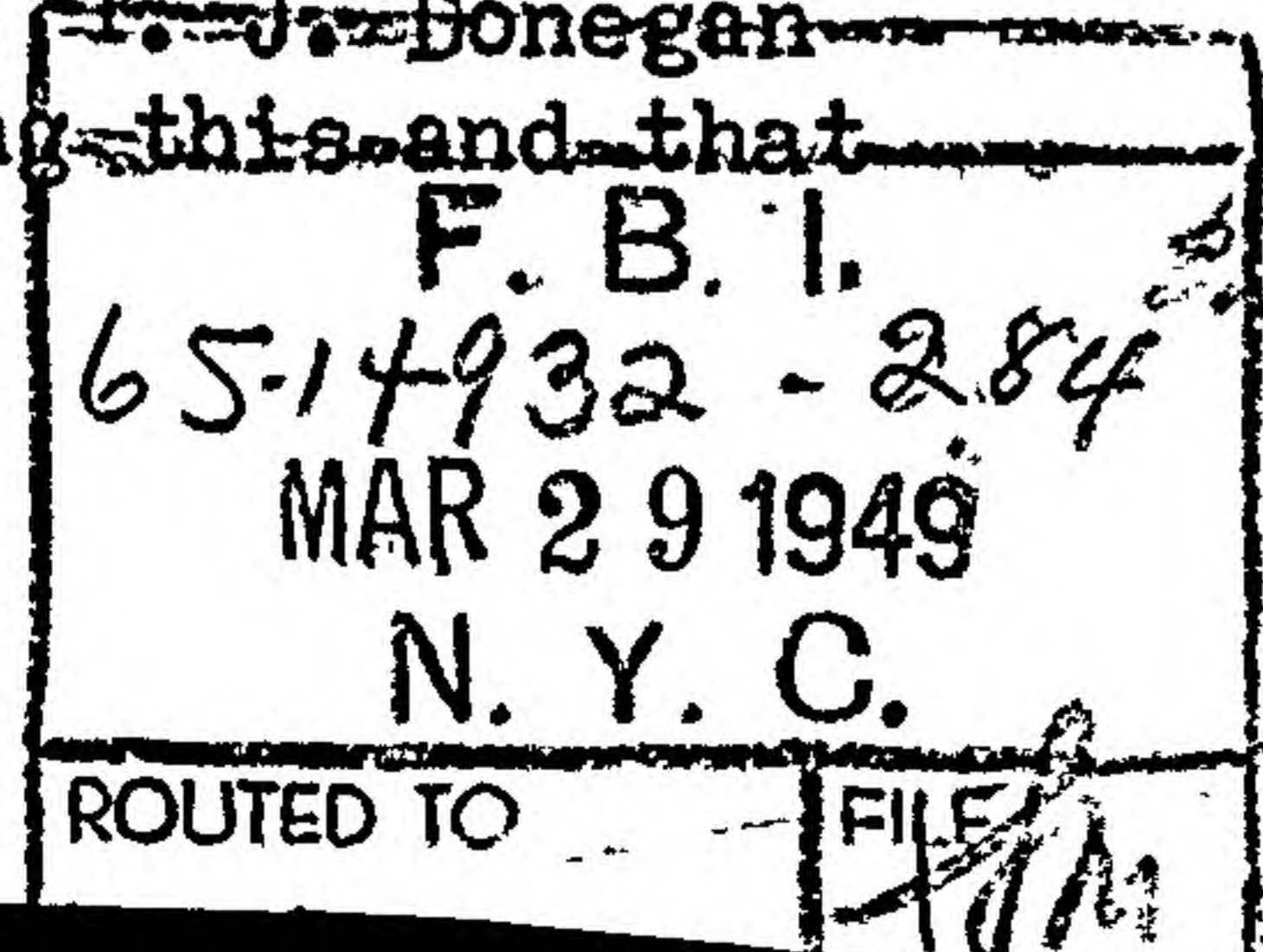
I then called Mr. T. J. Donegan to advise him of PALMER's call and the fact that we would like to have an opinion from the Department as to what possessions we should release to JUDITH COPLON. He advised he would get in touch with Mr. Whearty of the Department and have Whearty talk this over with PALMER and with the Bureau.

Following this, I called Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau and informed him of the above facts. I advised him that Mr. Whearty would probably get in touch with him concerning the matter; further, that we would like to be advised sometime today so we could call PALMER.

Immediately thereafter, I received a call from Mr. T. J. Donegan who stated he had called Mr. Whearty in Washington concerning this and that

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Whearty had suggested that we advise Mr. PALMER that he should take this up with the Department. Mr. Donegan advised that Whearty also inquired whether there was any indication that PALMER was going to ask for postponement of the trial and Donegan stated that he had told Whearty that there was no such indication at this time. Whearty told Donegan the Government would be ready to go to trial.

I immediately called Mr. PALMER back to advise him that he should get in touch with Mr. Raymond P. Whearty of the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. concerning any questions in this case, and particularly concerning the release of any of JUDITH COPLON's personal effects. He said he would do this. He further stated he had been in touch with Judge Rifkind's chambers and had been advised there was no objection to COPLON's attending the funeral in New Jersey providing clearance had also been obtained from the United States Attorney's office. Mr. PALMER wanted to know whom to call in the USA's office. I suggested either Mr. McGohey or Mr. Saypol.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

Director, FBI

Att: Mr. H. B. Fletcher

March 29, 1949

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
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In accordance with the telephonic conversation between Mr. H. E. Fletcher of the Bureau and ASAC Belmont of this office on the afternoon of March 29, there is forwarded herewith a copy of an article appearing on page 4 of the "New York Post Home News", dated March 29, 1949, reflecting an interview with subject COPLON by reporter MARY HARRINGTON.

As a matter of further interest, in the same newspaper, under the column "Washington News", comment was made concerning subject COPLON's social activities in Washington. This column is also forwarded herewith.

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Federal Grand Jury sitting SDNY 3/10/49 re-
turned a true bill on indictment of four counts
against COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV for
violation Sections 371, 793, 794 and 2071
Title 18, USC. COPLON arraigned 3/11/49,
pleaded not guilty to the three counts of in-
dictment against her, bail set \$20,000.00
which she immediately made and was released
same date; FBI Laboratory identified type-
writers used to type material in COPLON'S
possession at time of arrest as three
machines located COPLON'S office, Dept. of
Justice, from office two doors from COPLON'S
office and COPLON'S own portable typewriter
kept in her apartment. Handwriting on docu-
ments found in her possession identified as
COPLON'S. Physical surveillance of COPLON
set out. Information re COPLON'S contacts and
associates set out.

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Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall, Washington,
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Details: At New York, New York:

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On March 10, 1949, the Federal Grand Jury sitting in the Southern District of New York returned a true bill indicting JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV for violation of Sections 371, 393, 794 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code. The indictment contained four counts, the first of which charged COPLON and GUBITCHEV with a conspiracy to violate Sections 793, 794 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code.

The second count of the indictment charged JUDITH COPLON with violation of Section 793. The third count charged GUBITCHEV with violation of Section 793, Title 18, and Count 4 charged JUDITH COPLON with violation of Section 794, United States Code.

On March 11, 1949, COPLON and GUBITCHEV were arraigned before Judge Simon H. Rifkind in the Southern District of New York, at which time COPLON pleaded not guilty to the three counts in the indictment affecting her. Her bail was set at \$20,000, which was made. She was released.

GUBITCHEV claimed the court had no jurisdiction over him because of his alleged diplomatic immunity, and, therefore, his hearing was set for March 14, 1949.

FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATION OF COPLON'S POSSESSIONS UPON ARREST

By teletype of March 5, 1949, the Bureau advised that the handwritten note taken from COPLON's purse, which was designated as Item A in referenced report of SA T. Scott Miller, New York, 3/8/49, was in COPLON's handwriting, and that the Laboratory had used handwriting appearing in COPLON's personnel file at the Department for comparison purposes. It was further stated that the only latent fingerprint developed on the paper was that of an Agent.

By teletype of March 6, 1949, the Bureau advised that Items 1 through 14 mentioned in the same referenced report, had been prepared on a Royal elite typewriter located in COPLON's office in the Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C. Items 25 through 33 were determined to be carbon copies prepared on a Royal elite typewriter located in Room 2216, which is located two doors from COPLON's office in the Justice Building.

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Items 15 through 24, and 35 and 36 were prepared on a Corona pica portable typewriter obtained from COPLON's apartment in Washington, D. C.

By teletype of March 7, 1949, the Bureau advised that three sheets of paper, which composed Item 36, came from the same original source as four sheets of paper taken from COPLON's desk.

By report dated March 11, 1949, the Laboratory advised that the carbon copies of the data slips in possession of COPLON at the time she was arrested, were prepared simultaneously with and were direct carbon copies of their corresponding typewritten originals obtained from Room 2220, Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C.

By report dated March 11, 1949, the Laboratory set out its examination of the remainder of the material taken from COPLON at the time of her arrest. The Laboratory concluded that the handwriting contained in COPLON's address book, diary, and checkbook was identical with the handwriting of COPLON. The handwriting "B. MORRIS", which is in the book entitled: "All Thy Conquests" was not written by COPLON.

The Laboratory stated the handwriting which was on the MARIANNE ET FILS business card was not prepared by COPLON. The Laboratory could reach no conclusion as to whether the handwriting which was on the public library card issued to COPLON was identical with COPLON's handwriting.

By letter dated March 7, 1949, the New York Office forwarded to the Washington Field a known handwriting specimen of COPLON for comparison purposes. This specimen was obtained by Nurse Genevieve Chara of the New York Office when she insisted that COPLON write out her order for breakfast on March 5, 1949. This order was written by COPLON in the presence of Miss CHARA.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF JUDITH COPLON

The physical surveillance of COPLON on January 14, February 18, and March 4, 1949, was set out in referenced New York report of March 9, 1949, and, therefore, will not be reiterated here.

During the period of this report the following SAs participated in the physical surveillance of COPLON on the days other than the specific dates mentioned above:

BREWER WILSON
RAYMOND P. WIRTH
JOHN F. MALLEY
EDWARD F. McCARTHY
RICHARD T. HRADSKY
MARTIN F. CAREY
STEPHEN A. McGARR

ROGER W. ROBINSON
JOHN M. O'MARA
RICHARD E. BRENNAN
ROBERT J. WIRTH
JOHN P. DALEY
DANIEL F. GARDE

February 19, 1949

At 11:40 A.M. COPLON left the apartment house at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, where her parents reside, at which time she was carrying a small package wrapped in red paper or in a red paper bag. She walked to Church Avenue and then West to Goldsteins, a clothing store at 207 Church Avenue. She remained there for a few moments and then walked to the "Kiddy Shop", 129 Church Avenue. She left this last place at twelve noon and proceeded by subway to the end of the line at 169th Street and Hillside Avenue, Jamaica, Long Island. She left the subway station, made inquiries of a bus starter, and then entered a delicatessen at the corner of 169th Street and Hillside Avenue. She was observed to enter a phone booth and dial an unknown number.

At 1:30 P.M. COPLON left the restaurant and proceeded by bus and foot to the Fresh Meadow Housing Development at 188th Street, South of Horace Harding Boulevard. She was observed to enter 188-45A 71st Crescent, at which house she was greeted by a woman who appeared to be about 35 years of age, 5'2" tall, and weighing approximately 125 pounds.

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The above unknown woman is believed to be Mrs. SIDNEY SAMIS, who is a friend of COPLON.

Because of the character of the neighborhood, the surveillance had to be continued from a considerable distance and COPLON was not observed to leave the SAMIS house that evening.

February 21, 1949

At 11:55 A.M. on the instant date COPLON left her home and proceeded by subway to Manhattan where she went to 191 Canal Street, which is occupied by the MANHATTAN OPTICAL COMPANY. She remained there until 1:15 P.M., at which time she left and began on a shopping tour in New York City and at 2:55 P.M. it was necessary to discontinue the surveillance in order to protect the security of it.

She was observed to enter the apartment house at 178 Ocean Parkway at 6:44 P.M. and was not observed to leave during the rest of the evening.

February 22, 1949

At 12:27 P.M. COPLON left her house in the company of another woman about 50 to 55 years of age. They walked West on Albemarle Road and then to the subway station where the elderly woman bade COPLON good-by. COPLON proceeded by subway to the Kew Gardens Station and there took a cab, at which time the surveillance was discontinued.

The surveillance was resumed in the vicinity of 144-35 76th Avenue, Flushing, Long Island, which is the home of GIL and MARSHA LESSER, friends of COPLON.

At 5:15 P.M. COPLON left the above address accompanied by a man in his late 30's and who was described as follows:

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ARTHUR KINOY
51 East 97th Street
New York City

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During the interview of COPLON on March 4 and 5, 1949, and while she was deciding what attorney she wanted to call relative to her arraignment, she mentioned the name of ARTHUR KINOY and upon trying to find it in the phone book it was noted that he was not listed as an attorney but that he is listed in the Manhattan Telephone Directory as above. COPLON did not call him on that evening.

The files of the New York Office show that ARTHUR KINOY is an attorney and is Associate General Counsel of the United Electrical Workers (CIO) and has written a number of articles for the "UE News".

DEVELOPIX
32-34 Steinway Street
Long Island City, New York

It will be recalled that in COPLON'S address book was the name, DEVELOPIX, Box 146, Madison Square Station, New York, New York.

The writer ascertained, from SAMUEL HAMMEL, Correspondent Clerk at the above Post Office Station, that Box 146 is rented by DEVELOPIX and the SPIRATONE FINE GRAIN LABORATORIES, 32-34 Steinway Street, Long Island City. The box was originally rented on April 1, 1947, by FRANKLIN S. SPIRA, the owner. Mr. HAMMEL said that the box was originally rented by the BERKEY PHOTO SERVICE, 45 East 20th Street, New York City, on January 21, 1946. He said that the Developix Company had been purchased from the BERKEY PHOTO SERVICE.

Confidential Informant [] advised that a report had been made on November 17, 1948, concerning the SPIRATONE FINE GRAIN LABORATORIES, at which time they were located at 49 West 27th Street. This report stated that the Laboratory would open a branch at 32-34 Steinway Street, Long Island City in November, 1948 and would move its headquarters there. The business was formerly owned by HANS SPIRA who recently died. It is now being operated by FRANKLIN A. SPIRA, 24 years of age, single, born Austria.

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Height:	5'9"
Weight:	165 pounds
Hair:	Dark
Complexion:	Dark
Clothing Worn:	No hat, brown jacket and brown trousers.

This man is believed to be ~~be~~ GIL LESSER. The two entered a maroon 1948 Ford convertible, New York tags 600-382. He drove rapidly via Main Street and Union Turnpike to the Kew Gardens intersection of Queens Boulevard where the surveillance was lost due to heavy rain and heavy traffic. COPLON had carried her overnight bag to the LESSERS and, therefore, the surveillance was resumed at Pennsylvania Station in Manhattan.

At 6:25 P.M. COPLON was located in Coach #1600 of the Pennsylvania train leaving New York City 6:30 P.M. for Washington, D.C.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U) It will be noted in referenced New York report of March 8, 1949, that COPLON, upon arrival in New York City on February 18, 1949, checked her overnight bag in a steel locker at Pennsylvania Station. SAs RAYMOND P. WIRTH and J. HAROLD GLASCOCK ascertained from Confidential Informant T-5 that in addition to articles of clothing COPLON had the following material in her bag: ~~(C)~~ (U)

1. Several pages from the Book Review Section of the New York "Times" of February 13, 1949, which set out a review of the following books:

"19 Stories" by GRAHAM GREENE

"Harvest Triumphant" by MERRILL DENISON

"Rural Life in the United States" by
CARL C. TAYLOR, et al

"Prospects for Democracy in Japan" by
T. A. BISSON

2. An envelope addressed to Judith Coplon, 3685 - 38th Street N.W., Washington 16, D.C., mailed with a Government frank by the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D.C. This envelope contained an application blank, which had not been filled out, for a position for Federal employment. Also contained in the envelope was an announcement of examinations for Historian, Intelligence Specialist (General), Intelligence Specialist (Technical), Foreign Affairs Officer, and Social Science Analyst. ~~(C)~~ (U)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U) It will be recalled that on March 4, 1949, COPLON also checked her overnight bag at Pennsylvania Station. Confidential Informant T-9 advised SAs JOHN M. O'MARA and J. HAROLD GLASCOCK that there was nothing contained in the bag but articles of clothing. ~~(C)~~ (U)

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SAs JOHN R. MURPHY and STEPHEN A. McGARR interviewed the following individuals and exhibited pictures of JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV to them in an effort to verify the subjects presence in the vicinity of 193rd Street and Broadway on January 14, February 18, or March 4, 1949:

ABRAHAM N. ANTPOLSKY, proprietor of the Cigar and Candy Store at 4520 Broadway, which is on the north-east corner of Broadway and 193rd Street, Manhattan.

ALEX S. LEVINE, druggist, 4500 Broadway, which store is on the southeast corner of Broadway and 193rd Street.

SAM SANKMAN, grocer, 4500 Broadway.

PETER RAMUNDO, owner of the shoe repair shop at 4500 Broadway.

RALPH DE LUCIA, owner, and WILLIAM BASSIE, waiter, at the De Lux Restaurant, 143 Dyckman Street, New York City.

None of the above individuals recalled seeing either GUBITCHEV or COPLON. It will be recalled that either one or both of the subjects had been in the above places on the pertinent dates..

Mr. E. T. SULLIVAN, Divisional Superintendent, New York City Omnibus Corporation, 100th Street and Lexington Avenue, advised Agents McGARR and MURPHY that his records reflected that Bus Number 89 (on which the subjects travelled on March 4, 1949) of the company was in service on Run Number 1075 with Driver Number 1353 on the evening of March 4, 1949. He stated that, according to his records, Bus Number 89 was picked up by the driver at the Bus Depot at 54th Street and 9th Avenue at 8:50 P.M. and proceeded South bound. He advised that the bus would normally reach the corner of 42nd Street and 9th Avenue at approximately 8:55 P.M. He further advised that the proper person who could produce such records is Mr. C. R. BARNES, Superintendent of Transportation, New York City Omnibus Corporation, 605 West 132nd Street, New York City.

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Mr. WILLIAM IRWIN, Driver Number 1353 of the above Omnibus Corporation, advised the Agents that he picked up Bus Number 89 at 54th Street and 9th Avenue on March 4, 1949, at 8:50 P.M. He further stated that the bus arrived at 42nd Street and 9th Avenue at approximately 8:55 P.M. The photographs of GUBITCHEV and COPLON were exhibited to IRWIN but he did not recall either one. He said that he had no recollection of the two people being on his bus nor had he any information regarding them.

At the time of the search of JUDITH COPLON upon her arrest it was noted that on the inside cover of an address book was the following telephone number which had been erased: RO 6639. It is believed that this is a Washington telephone number.

SA (A) MARTIN J. McGUINN checked the serial numbers of the ten dollar bills and the five dollar bills in COPLON'S possession with the following sources of information with negative results;

Confidential Informants T-10 and T-11.

The Credit Bureau of Greater New York had a credit reference on COPLON dated January 26, 1949, which reflected her Washington address as 3685 - 38th Street N.W., McLean Gardens, Washington, D.C. There was also a reference dated April 26, 1946, reflecting COPLON as residing at 2364 Tunlaw Road N.W., Washington, D.C., and gave her business as Political Analyst, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. Her former residence was given as SAMUEL COPLON, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

SA PIERRE H. LEVEC ascertained from B. ALTMAN DEPARTMENT STORE, 34th Street and 5th Avenue, New York City, that JUDITH COPLON had applied for a charge account with ALTMANS on about January 20, 1949. She had given her bank reference as the City Bank, Washington, D.C., which bank subsequently advised ALTMANS that COPLON had had an account at that bank since October 2, 1945. The Associated Retail Credit Men of Washington, 1221 G Street N.W., Washington, D.C., Box 626, Washington, advised ALTMANS that COPLON had an account with bank designated by Washington Credit Code Number 1167 and, further, that she had charge accounts with GARFINKELS and HECHTS in Washington. At GARFINKELS, COPLON has credit terms of 30 to 60 days and the last time she charged something there was in October, 1948. The highest amount she has charged for any month was \$27.75. She owes nothing to

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GARFINKELS. Relative to HECHTS, her terms there are 30 days, her last charge was in December, 1948, and she presently owes HECHTS \$20.90. The highest amount she has charged there for any month was \$30.90.

Agent LeVEC contacted all of the department stores in New York City which COPLON had visited during her trips to New York and met with negative results with the exception of SAKS 34th Street. COPLON applied for a charge account with Saks on November 21, 1946, at which time she resided at 2634 Tunlaw Road N.W., Washington, D.C. The credit report given to Saks indicated that she had charge accounts at GARFINKELS and HECHTS and an account at the City Bank, Washington, D.C. This account was never used.

SA AUGUST J. MICEK ascertained that the New York City Police Department had no criminal record on JUDITH COPLON.

By letter March 21, 1949, the Bureau advised that COPLON'S fingerprint card had been searched and that she had no prior record. Her present FBI Number is 157539A.

It will be recalled that when COPLON was arrested on March 4, 1949, her overnight bag was in a steel locker at Pennsylvania Station and, inasmuch as there was a 24 hour limit on the locker, COPLON requested that her brother be given the key so that the suitcase could be obtained.

On March 5, 1949, SAs J. HAROLD GLASCOCK and WILLIAM A. KOLAR accompanied BERTRAM COPLON to Pennsylvania Station at which time the steel locker, Number 1035, was opened and COPLON'S bag was obtained. The bag, together with a brown tam, was taken by BERTRAM COPLON to the Women's House of Detention, Greenwich and 10th Streets, New York City, accompanied by the Agents. There JUDITH COPLON executed a waiver of search and the Agents examined the contents of the bag. This search was made at the request of Special Assistant to the Attorney General RAYMOND P. WHEARTY.

BERTRAM COPLON signed a receipt showing the return of Key Number 1035, which was listed on the property receipt of COPLON'S effects at the time of her arrest.

The waiver of search together with the receipt is being maintained as an exhibit in connection with this case.

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Special Assistant to the Attorney General THOMAS J. DONEGAN furnished this office with a letter received by the Honorable SIMON H. RIFKIND, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York, from MADELE MILLER, 850 Raymond Avenue, Newark 5, New Jersey, dated March 13, 1949. This letter is being set out in full:

"This is in regard to Judith Coplon, Department of Justice, Analyst who was released on bail due to her committing espionage against United States form of government.

"I, as a former employee of Foreign Agents Registration Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice worked with Miss Coplon and saw her take and destroy confidential and secret documents pertaining to the welfare and security of her country. Certain folders were taken from files home during War time. Confidential and secret material was taken from Office of Strategic Services without going thru the regular office routine information pertaining to statistical data on railroads; took certain transcribed material from files not related to her field with her; material was taken from files which was analyzed by other analysts.

"Her co-workers whom she conversed were the chief factors in bringing Israeli form of government in Palestine. Analyst was deeply critical on foreign Catholic agents who had no bearing as to subversive attitude in certain documentary work which they submitted to Justice Department. Information was taken from files and published in book form. Material analyzed and drafted by one woman attorney was taken from files who later was confined.

"Majority of the employees in Foreign Agents Registration Section had all leanings toward Communism as Form 57 in Federal Civil Service Commission would indicate certain derogatory character reputation as to loyalty in holding a Federal job. All conversation in that particular section no doubt were recorded and could be proven as to above statements made by me.

"Tapped telephone conversations in Department of Justice to all departmental superiors every day would indicate certain suspicion as to character and loyalty of individual relating to their particular assignment.

"I was recommended to higher position prior to Analyst committing espionage but due to her jealousy had to be molested, tortured and tormented to prove loyalty and faithfulness to my country for three years now. I could have done tremendous amount of work among our Foreign Agents

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"in bringing closer relationship within among foreign agents who published certain items in foreign papers.

"Hoping the above information might help you men out in bringing our freedom and democracy as of 1776."

This information was given to the Bureau, Washington Field, and Newark Divisions with the request that the Bureau check with the Department to determine MILLER'S background and advise Newark of what action was desired.

By teletype March 22, 1949, the Bureau advised that ADELE MILLER was an Analyst employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section and had a nervous breakdown in the Summer of 1946, at which time she was committed to the St. Elizabeth's Hospital, from which she was subsequently released. Prior to her commitment she had written voluminous material charging COPLON with the same matters mentioned in her letter to Judge Rifkind above. In addition to this she had charged COPLON and others in the Foreign Agents Registration Section with casting spells on her. The Bureau requested that Newark ascertain discreetly if ADELE MILLER was presently under a doctor's care and if an interview relative to COPLON would aggravate her present mental condition inasmuch as COPLON'S activity seemed to be a fixation with her.

By teletype on March 23, 1949, the Newark Office advised that STANLEY MILLER, former Deputy United States Marshal at Newark and a brother of ADELE MILLER, advised that she had not been under a physician's care since her release from the hospital. She is regularly employed at the Perfect Laundry Company, Newark, New Jersey, at the present time. Her brother described her physical condition as good but believed that she might still be slightly irrational with regard to her associations with COPLON. STANLEY MILLER said that he would have no hesitancy in arranging an interview with Agents and his sister if the Agents so desired. The Newark Office indicated that it would hold up the interview until specific instructions had been received from the Bureau.

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A separate file is being maintained by the New York Office which contains newspaper clippings relative to the instant matter. In every instance the Bureau has been furnished with a copy of such clipping.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES

Confidential Informant T-1 advised the writer that the Economic Warfare Section, War Division, of the Department of Justice had its office at 30 Broad Street, New York, New York, up until June 30, 1945, at which time the office was closed. T-1 said that for approximately six months or possibly a little longer time prior to the actual closing of the office it was fairly well known by the personnel working in the office that the section was having trouble getting an appropriation for its continuance and would probably cease its existence.

T-1 said that JUDITH COPLON came to the Economic Warfare Section in the New York Office about July 1, 1943. He said that she came at about the same time as several other Barnard College graduates. T-1 said that during the time that COPLON was employed in this office her closest friends were ELSIE FRIEMUS, Mrs. BEATRICE WALFISH, SHIRLEY ARONOW and HELEN SIEGEL. T-1 said that COPLON along with the above mentioned four girls formed a very close clique and all of them were very liberal in their political beliefs. He said that they followed the Communist Party line such as sympathizing with Russia on particular issues, advocating the second front and similar stands. T-1 said that Mrs. WALFISH was not quite as fanatical as the other four girls. He recalled on several occasions that ARONOW brought a paper to the office called "The Daily Noose" which was obviously a Communist paper and was a parody on "The Daily News." This paper contained satirical articles on well known anti-Communists such as Westbrook Pegler.

T-1 said that another girl who was friendly with this particular group was VIRGINIA MARINO. T-1 said that when MARINO first came to the office she was a very religious Catholic girl but seemed to have picked up some of the liberal ideas of the other five girls.

T-1 said that ROBERT WOHLFORTH contacted the placement service of Barnard College around the middle of 1943 and requested that the girls in the graduating class of that year who majored in economics be advised that there were some positions open in the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice in New York. T-1 said that it was this contact of WOHLFORTH which ultimately caused the employment of the five Barnard girls.

Relative to COPLON'S transfer to Washington, T-1 said that COPLON had requested such transfer of WOHLFORTH. T-1 said that WOHLFORTH was largely responsible for effecting COPLON'S transfer to Washington, which, incidentally, was also a promotion. T-1 said that HAROLD CARTER, who was also

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employed in the Economic Warfare Section, used his influence with his brother SIMS CARTER, an executive assistant in the War Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C., to get the transfer cleared. T-1 said that HAROLD CARTER was classified as an expert in the New York Office.

T-1 said that HAROLD CARTER was supposed to have gone to Germany with the Department but was turned down by the State Department. HAROLD CARTER was talking with T-1 about his being turned down and told T-1 that a female agent of the FBI got into the Communist Party headquarters and saw a membership list which had his (HAROLD CARTER'S) wife's name on it. HAROLD CARTER was asked to resign from the Department because of this. T-1 said that HAROLD told him that he was asked to resign by HERBERT WEXLER, the Assistant Attorney General. According to T-1, HAROLD CARTER was very angry about it and told T-1 that WEXLER was as much a liberal as he, CARTER, was and further that his own brother SIMS CARTER was also a liberal. HAROLD CARTER left the Department in about July of 1945, after which he became a maintenance man in a factory. T-1 saw HAROLD CARTER sometime ago at which time the latter stated that he was going to be an assistant high school principal in Englewood, New Jersey.

Relative to ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH, T-1 said that he was Chief of the Section and although ^{he} never admitted he was a Communist or displayed a membership card to the Communist Party, WOHLFORTH'S general actions and associates led the informant to believe WOHLFORTH was a Communist. T-1 said that WOHLFORTH'S closest associates in the section were HAROLD CARTER, described above, HAROLD UNGAR, HYMAN B. RITCHIN and ALEXANDER SACHS.

T-1 said that UNGAR was definitely a Communist. He said that he was an attorney with the section and ultimately went to Washington with the Department in about 1948, working in the Alien Property Custodian Office. T-1 said that SACHS was supposed to have gone to Germany but was turned down by the State Department. T-1 said that SACHS was constantly quoting the "Daily Worker" and "P.M." as leading authorities, was a strong advocate of the second front, was very pro-Russian and very anti-Catholic.

T-1 said that HYMAN B. RITCHIN, an economist in the office, was formerly on the La Follette Committee with WOHLFORTH. After the Economic Warfare Section closed its office, RITCHIN went back to the Antitrust Division and went to Germany for the Department. T-1 stated that he recalled that during the war he, T-1, was writing a report on deposits of manganese in a portion of Eastern Europe which was occupied at that time by Soviet troops. He showed the report to RITCHIN, who was very critical of T-1

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for doing this and said he could not understand why T-1 would want to write a report about the natural resources in a country under Russian control. T-1 said that PAULINE HARGIN (an associate of COPLON) was a cousin of RITCHIN.

T-1 said that ALEXANDER SACHS covered up his political beliefs fairly well and that he finally did go to Germany with the War Department and got into some sort of trouble there. He said that he believed the "New York Post" newspaper carried an article about this, although he could not recall what kind of trouble SACHS got into. T-1 said that SACHS in addition to being close to WOHLFORTH was also close to the other men mentioned above.

T-1 stated that WOHLFORTH was constantly having secret "confabs" with the above men in his office and that if anyone else walked into the office the conversation would immediately be discontinued.

T-1 said that WOHLFORTH in his opinion had been giving information relative to the work being done by the EWS to the newspaper "P.M." and further that WOHLFORTH'S contact at "P.M." was a reporter named STONE. T-1 recalled that a detailed report was prepared by the office on a large Dutch company called PHILIPS which was supposed to be a very secret report. T-1 said that shortly after the report had been written it was discovered that several copies were missing and not too long afterwards "P.M." published considerable information about the PHILIPS COMPANY in such a way that it was obvious that the paper's source was this report. Immediately after that WOHLFORTH ceased contacting STONE directly and had UNGAR to make the contacts with STONE for WOHLFORTH. T-1 stated that he found this out when he stumbled into WOHLFORTH'S office one day in time to hear WOHLFORTH tell UNGAR, "You tell STONE this" and drop the sentence when T-1's presence was known.

T-1 stated that WOHLFORTH was particularly critical of the Dies Committee and Westbrook Pegler, referring to them as "red baiters" and "labor baiters."

T-1 stated that WOHLFORTH had some good contacts with ONI and G-2 while EWS was operating and on occasions received specific requests from the Army and Navy to make a study of the natural resources of certain countries.

T-1 stated that about six months ago COPLON came to see WOHLFORTH but that the nature of their conversation was not known to T-1.

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T-1 stated that in his opinion the remainder of the personnel of the EWS were all right with the exception of those specifically mentioned above. He said that he knew of none of COPLON'S associates outside of the office while she was working in New York, nor did he know of any of the associates of FRIEMUS, ARONOW, SIEGEL or WALFISH.

T-1 stated that to the best of his recollection the following were the female employees of the ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION in New York City, together with their addresses as of the time they were employed.

SHIRLEY G. ARONOW
666 West End Avenue

SARAH BECKER
176 West 87th Street
(T-1 stated that this woman was between thirty and forty, had been transferred to Washington and he did not think that she was presently with the Department.)

HELEN BERRY
193 Amity Street, Brooklyn

Mrs. BETTY WINKLER BIRNE
10 Monroe Street, New York City

FLORA BRIDGES
(T-1 stated that BRIDGES was the daughter of a Japanese national and that WOHLFORTH hired her before she had been cleared by investigation and "got in some sort of a jam over it.")

JUDITH COPLON
178 Ocean Parkway

ELSIE FRIEMUS
Hook Mountain Road
Monteville, New Jersey

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PAULINE HARGIN
 245 East 207th Street, Bronx, N. Y.
 (T-1 stated that as far as he knew
 HARGIN was all right. He said that
 she was transferred to the War
 Division of the Department in
 Washington.)

IRENE HEBARD
 400 Riverside Drive, N. Y. City

ROBERTA J. KISH
 3940 Bronx Blvd., N. Y. City

GERTRUDE McCOLL KRIEHN
 20 James Slip, N. Y. City
 (T-1 said that KRIEHN was married
 and was in the EWS a very short
 time. He did not remember her
 very well.)

VIRGINIA M. MARINO
 43-45 Matilda Ave., N. Y. City—

CHARLOTTE MASCH
 101 Lexington Avenue, N. Y. City

BIANCA ROESTI
 72 Barrel St., N. Y. City
 (T-1 said that ROESTI went out with
 COPLON and other members of
 COPLON'S group on occasions but did
 not appear to share their political
 beliefs. He said that ROESTI did
 not get along very well with WOHLFORTH
 or RITCHIN.)

EVA ROSE
 362-364 South 2nd St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

EMMA L. SOUDERS
 89 Trask Ave., Bayonne, N. J.

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CHARLOTTE THURNHERR
2250 Quimby Ave., N. Y. City.
(T-1 said that THURNHERR seemed
very close to HAROLD CARTER, the
latter being instrumental in having
THURNHERR transferred to SIMS
CARTER'S office in Washington, D. C.
T-1 stated that as far as he was con-
cerned THURNHERR was all right po-
litically.)

Confidential Informant T-1 made available to the writer the per-
sonnel files of the above employees which were examined and the pertinent
information contained therein has been set out in other parts of this report.

HAROLD P. SHAPIRO

On March 18, 1949, the Bureau advised that HAROLD P. SHAPIRO, a
close contact of COPLON, was arriving in New York City at 6:00 P.M. and that
it was desired that a physical surveillance be placed on him to ascertain
his activities and contacts. It was indicated that he would probably contact
an attorney from Chicago by the name of A. B. ROSEN at the HARMONIE CLUB,
New York City.

The following agents participated in the surveillance of SHAPIRO
while he was in New York:

Daniel F. Garde
Richard E. Brennan
Martin F. Carey
Robert J. Wirth
John F. Malley, Jr.
John R. Murphy
T. Scott Miller

At 6:15 P.M. SHAPIRO was observed to get off Pennsylvania Railroad
Train No. 142, which had arrived at Pennsylvania Station from Washington,
D. C. He was carrying a very small overnight bag. He made a telephone call
from a booth on the lower level, then walked to the taxi ramp, where he en-
gaged a cab and drove to the HARMONIE CLUB at 4 East 60th Street, New York
City. He remained there a very short period of time and was observed to
leave at 7:00 P.M. with an unknown man believed to be A. B. ROSEN. The two

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walked to the Red Coach Grill on 58th Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue. They sat in the lounge talking for awhile, then took a table and had dinner. During this time SHAPIRO was talking constantly to ROSEN.

At 8:45 P.M. SHAPIRO and ROSEN left the grill, walked west on 58th Street to Fifth Avenue, then around in the immediate vicinity of 59th Street and Fifth Avenue and finally entered the Savoy Plaza Cafe lounge and bar at 9:15 P.M. They sat at a table in the lounge and engaged in conversation until 11:10 P.M. At this last time they left the lounge, walked to the Harmonie Club, where they remained a few moments and left, SHAPIRO carrying his overnight bag. They proceeded by cab to an apartment house located at 370 Central Park West which they entered at 11:30 P.M.

It was noted that the bell box of this building listed A. C. Rosen in apartment 310. The Manhattan telephone directory lists ABBOT ROSEN as residing at 370 Central Park West.

The surveillance was continued from the outside of the apartment house until a time that it was evident that the two were going to spend the night there.

On March 19, 1949, SHAPIRO and ROSEN left 370 Central Park West at 12:15 P.M. SHAPIRO was not carrying his overnight bag. They proceeded by cab to 58th Street and Fifth Avenue, where they got out and walked to the Squibb Building, 745 Fifth Avenue. The surveillance agents were unable to ascertain what office they visited in the Squibb Building.

At 1:10 P.M. SHAPIRO and ROSEN left the Squibb Building in the company of an unknown man. The three got into a cab on 58th Street and proceeded to East 20th Street, almost to the East River Drive, which is in the center of the new housing development Peter Cooper Village. During the taxi ride and immediately after the three got out of the cab it became very obvious that they were looking for a surveillance. The three walked to an entrance to a group of the buildings in the Village, having addresses 521-541 East 20th Street. They talked for awhile, then the unknown man shook hands with ROSEN and SHAPIRO and walked toward the buildings. SHAPIRO and ROSEN then walked to 601 East 20th Street, an apartment house in the Village, which they entered.

At 2:45 P.M. SHAPIRO, ROSEN and another unknown man left the above address and talked on the sidewalk for a few moments, after which SHAPIRO shook hands with ROSEN and the unknown man and began walking west on 20th

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Street. No attempt was made to surveil him because of the manner in which he was looking back. ROSEN and the unknown man crossed the south side of the street then walked to the East River Drive and turned south. No attempt was made to surveil them because they were obviously looking for a surveillance.

At 6:05 P.M. SHAPIRO and an unidentified man not heretofore seen who was approximately 22 to 25 years of age were observed to enter 370 Central Park West.

SHAPIRO or ROSEN were not observed on March 20, 1949, and on the morning of March 21, 1949, the Bureau advised that SHAPIRO was at his desk in the Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C.

MORTON POMERANZ

Special Agent Richard E. Brennan ascertained from Mrs. JACOB POMERANZ that her son MORTON is presently employed by the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. She said that his residence was 9328 Carolina Avenue, Silver Springs, Maryland.

SEYMOUR P. NAGAN
aka Seymour Nagnowitz

On February 21, 1949, it was ascertained at 1731 Harrison Street, Bronx, New York, that the parents of SEYMOUR NAGAN, ARTHUR and ANNA NAGAN, are residents of that apartment house. The superintendent of this building informed that their son SEYMOUR had not resided with his family in a period in excess of six months.

Investigation at the "New York Times," New York City, reflected the following:

Mrs. DANFORTH advised Special Agents Richard E. Brennan and Ralph F. Miller that NAGAN had been employed there as a writer on the Sunday Magazine Supplement from May 23, 1944, to December 17, 1945, at which time he left of his own volition.

Mr. S. T. O'BRIEN, Personnel Manager of the McGRAW-HILL PUBLISHING COMPANY, New York City, made available NAGAN'S personnel file, which reflected the following information: Born December 18, 1920, at New York City; parents ARTHUR and ANNA NAGAN, 1731 Harrison Street, Bronx, New York; marital status,

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single; education—DeWitt Clinton High School, New York City, from September, 1935, to June, 1938; Columbia University, New York City, from September, 1938, to June, 1942, graduating with an A.B. degree; Columbia School of Journalism; September, 1942; to June, 1943, graduating with an M.S. degree.

This file further reflected that NAGAN had been employed by the "New York Times," the Associated Press, Newark, New Jersey, "Fortune Magazine," New York City, and the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University, New York City, and that his present occupation was as writer-economist with the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company in Washington, D. C.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York indicate that NAGAN'S father, ARTHUR, is the owner of the TOWNMAID COSTUME COMPANY, a manufacturer of women's dresses, located at 257 West 39th Street, New York City.

The Selective Service record of SEYMOUR NAGAN located in New York City indicates that he was rejected for military service and put in classification 4F on November 12, 1942. There is also a court order in this Selective Service file stating that the name SEYMOUR NAGNOWITZ had been legally changed to SEYMOUR NAGAN on and after June 24, 1942.

ANNE MARIE DAVIS

ANN MARIE DAVIS was interviewed on March 9, 1949, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard by Special Agents John M. Stolzenhaler. Miss DAVIS at this time was on two weeks active duty with the Navy as a reserve WAVE officer.

DAVIS stated in this interview that she first met JUDITH COPLON sometime around Labor Day, 1947, at Camp Letts, Maryland. DAVIS said that COPLON came there in the middle of a week and stayed until the end of the following week or a period slightly in excess of ten days. Miss DAVIS advanced as her reason for COPLON'S coming to that camp the fact that COPLON had gone to an exclusive resort at Pinehurst, North Carolina, and had been refused admission because of her race and had then returned to Washington and had seen Miss DAVIS' name on a brochure advertising Camp Letts. Miss DAVIS stated that it is her impression that COPLON recognized her name as being a fellow alumna of Barnard College. Miss DAVIS added that Camp Letts is a very small camp and is rented each year for a period of approximately two weeks by the Washington Potomac Cooperative Federation, an organization of which Miss DAVIS is a member. This camp, according to DAVIS, is very small and its guests consist generally of married couples and their families

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and seven to ten single girls. The facilities of this camp, she stated, are such that all single girls reside in the same cabin and accordingly she and the subject lived in the same cabin during the time that COPLON was at Camp Letts. Miss DAVIS said that she is reasonably certain that COPLON came to the camp unaccompanied, that she did not arrive there with any other girls and that she definitely did not arrive there with any man. She summed up the activities of COPLON at the camp as consisting generally in the pursuit of certain sports and swimming and added that COPLON did not associate to any extent at this camp with any other girls and to the best of DAVIS' knowledge there were no single men at the camp at that time.

Miss DAVIS stated that she graduated from Barnard College in 1931 and is presently employed by the Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C. Miss DAVIS added that she has been active in affairs of the Barnard-in-Washington group which consists of the Barnard Alumnae living and working in Washington, D. C., and that she has since met COPLON on two or three occasions at Barnard Alumnae meetings, luncheons and teas and that the last time she saw COPLON was on February 15th last at the Good Earth Restaurant, Washington, D. C. Miss DAVIS said that her acquaintanceship with COPLON was entirely too limited and too perfunctory for her to be able to voice any opinion whatsoever concerning COPLON'S political beliefs and tendencies.

ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH

The background information on WOHLFORTH was set forth in the New York referenced report of January 28, 1949.

The following is a summary of the information contained in this office concerning the above captioned individual.

It is to be noted that in a memorandum to this office from the Bureau dated September 25, 1941, it was pointed out that WILLIAM GASTON originally suggested to HARRY BRIDGES that WOHLFORTH would make a good contact in the Department of Justice.

Confidential Informant T-22 advised that WOHLFORTH as investigator for the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee, had been visited and consulted by MAXWELL LEHMAN, DWIGHT MacDONALD and DAVID ZABLODOWSKY, individuals whom the informant classified as Communists. He further charged that WOHLFORTH was "friendly and cooperative" with these persons.

This informant stated in March of 1937 that MAXWELL LEHMAN had recently visited WOHLFORTH in Washington, D. C., and LEHMAN had told the

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informant that he, LEHMAN, and his wife VERA BRAILOWSKY confided to him that they were members of the Communist Party and were in Washington "for the Party."

On June 7, 1937, Confidential Informant T-22 advised the FBI that DWIGHT MacDONALD, formerly a writer for "Fortune Magazine," had become "completely radical" and had severed his relations with that magazine. MacDONALD then went to Washington gathering material for his book and did some work for the LaFollette Committee and at that time was very close to ROBERT WOHLFORTH, who was Chief Investigator of the LaFollette Committee. The informant stated that MacDONALD was well known in Communist circles in Washington, D. C.

Confidential Informant T-23, a reliable source who was furnishing information to the Bureau in 1937, advised that he had learned at that time that MAXWELL LEHMAN, whom he described as a prominent Communist associated with the publication "American Spectator," had made three trips to Washington to consult with WOHLFORTH and GARDNER JACKSON. The informant stated that LEHMAN advised him that all three of these trips were paid for by the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION.

According to ROBERT E. BARKER, Investigator for the Dies Committee, in testifying before that Committee on August 29, 1939, in two civil suits which had been filed in the District by WILLIAM D. PELLE of the Silver 'Shirts', one of which was a bill in equity asking for an injunction against the Committee on Education and Labor of the U. S. Senate and the Sub-Committee on Education and Labor of the U. S. Senate composed of Senator Elbert D. Thomas and Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Jr. BARKER said that this bill, in describing the LaFollette Committee, set forth that the "Committee set up offices there in the Senate Office Building . . ." and "Robert Wohlforth, the Chief Investigator, was a Communist . . ."

Confidential Informant T-22 advised on December 11, 1942, that during 1936 and 1937 "ZABLODOWSKY, on behalf of the Communist Party, was directing policies and part of the procedure of the LaFollette Committee through ROBERT WOHLFORTH, who frequently came to ZABLODOWSKY'S New York residence to receive instructions." This informant further advised that "VERA BAILOWSKY (Mrs. MAXWELL LEHMAN), who in 1936 admitted to me her membership in the Communist Party, told me ZABLODOWSKY was a Party member and MAXWELL LEHMAN told me of the Party work ZABLODOWSKY was doing." ZABLODOWSKY has been termed a Communist by BENJAMIN STOLBERG in a series of articles published in the "New York Herald Tribune" in November and December of 1939.

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Concerning JOHN J. ABT, whom WOHLFORTH listed as a reference in applying for a position with the Department of Justice, Confidential Informant T-24, who formerly occupied a position of trust within the Communist underground organization, informed the New York Office of the FBI in June, 1945, that at the time ABT was in Washington, D. C., working for the Government he was a member of the Communist underground organization in Washington. T-24 further explained that this underground organization was composed of persons whose Communist affiliations must be kept concealed because of their occupations or positions in public life. He further stated that ABT was one of approximately eight members of an underground group headed by HAROLD WARE.

Concerning OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, also named as a reference by WOHLFORTH, it is known that his name has appeared on the letterheads of numerous organizations, including the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, AMERICAN PEACE MOBILIZATION, AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS, KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR CONGRESS, SCOTSBORO DEFENSE COMMITTEE, etc.

According to Confidential Informant T-25, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT WOHLFORTH are on friendly terms with GEORGE HENRY SELDES, publisher of "In Fact."

Mr. HERBERT SOLOW was interviewed by agents of this office in February of 1947 because of the fact that he had been previously associated with the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee while WOHLFORTH was Chief Investigator. SOLOW stated that although it was his opinion that WOHLFORTH was not a Communist, he believed that as far as his loyalty to the Government was concerned WOHLFORTH could be intrusted with vital information such as military secrets but that in some border line cases he could be "hoodwinked" into playing the Communist game because, while "liberal" in his views, he was "not an inquiring or suspicious liberal and easy prey to Communist maneuvering." SOLOW related during this interview that at one time he had sought employment with the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee and that he was recommended through HEBER BLANKENHORN to JOHN ABT, Chief Counsel of the Committee. SOLOW stated that neither of these individuals had ever known him before and had not had much opportunity to inquire about him. He recalled that when he reported to WOHLFORTH for assignment ABT came into the room. WOHLFORTH wrote out a little note and handed it to ABT; at which time ABT told WOHLFORTH to come into the next room for a minute. While they excused themselves SOLOW picked up the scrap of paper which WOHLFORTH had unwittingly left and found that it said "This is Solow." When they returned they told him that they did not believe that he was sufficiently qualified

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for the position and SOLOW was certain that ABT had meanwhile had an opportunity to make inquiries about him and found that he, SOLOW, was a Trotskyite and thus anathema to any Communist. SOLOW indicated that he no longer had Trotskyite sympathies.

Among the writings of ROBERT WOHLFORTH was an article which appeared in the "New Republic" on March 10, 1947. This article was entitled "Strength Through Indifference" and was one of the five articles in that issue comprising a "Report on Germany" at a time to coincide with the Moscow Conference. This article dealt with the ability of Germany to rearm itself after World War I and the only mention of Russia in this article is not sympathetic to Russia.

In "Scribner's" magazine for April, 1932, is an article by ROBERT WOHLFORTH entitled "Warriors of the Campus." This article is a criticism of the Reserve Officers Training Corps units on college campuses.

WOHLFORTH'S article entitled "Catch 'Em Young, Teach 'Em Rough," published in the "New Republic" on October 22, 1930, is quoted in part as follows:

"And the War Department, through its manual, sails into the various problems of Socialism, immigration, Communism, etc., with all the dogmatic enthusiasm of a reformer. There is no class domination in America, it declaims."

In "The Nation" for March 14, 1938, is an article by WOHLFORTH entitled "Armament Profiteers: 1934" which is a discussion of graft and collusion in the awarding and bidding for Army and Navy contracts. WOHLFORTH wrote during the early 1930's several articles and pamphlets, the substance of most of them being a criticism of the American system of military training, that is, citizens' military training camps, reserve officer training courses, and the administration and conduct of the Army in general.

It is to be noted that WOHLFORTH, who is a graduate of the West Point Military Academy, was in 1931 editor of "Our Army" magazine. WOHLFORTH, according to CARL GARDNER, publisher of this magazine, wrote two articles criticizing West Point and the War Department policies which resulted in this magazine's condemnation at several military posts and the near failure of the magazine. GARDNER stated that as a result of these articles WOHLFORTH was forced to leave the employ of "Our Army."

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ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, United States Court House, New York City, was interviewed on March 7, 1949, at the New York Office by SAs JOHN M. O'MARA and RICHARD E. BRENNAN. Mr. WOHLFORTH stated in this interview that JUDITH COPLON and several other recent college graduates of New York City colleges were recommended to him for employment as a result of inquiries which he had made at several New York colleges in the Spring of 1943. JUDITH COPLON and three or four other graduates of the class of 1943 at Barnard College were among those who were accepted by WOHLFORTH for employment in the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice with which WOHLFORTH at that time was connected. WOHLFORTH stated that these women were employed by him as research writers working on economic reports. In his evaluation of JUDITH COPLON, WOHLFORTH stated that she was diligent, a hard worker and generally well regarded both by him and by her office associates.

Concerning COPLON'S political beliefs and tendencies, Mr. WOHLFORTH stated that he was not acquainted with any political doctrines which COPLON held during the time that she was employed by the Economic Warfare Section in New York; that he knew of no Communist or pro-Russian sympathies held by COPLON or any of her co-workers at the time, nor, he added, has he since heard of such sentiments. Mr. WOHLFORTH stated that as the supervisor of the office, he would in all probability be the last person to know of any radical tendencies or sentiments held by JUDITH COPLON or any of the office personnel.

In regard to JUDITH COPLON'S personality, Mr. WOHLFORTH said that he regarded her as being rather emotionally tense and generally keyed up, which indicated to him that COPLON was undergoing some emotional conflict or that there were some problems which were annoying her. WOHLFORTH added that he knew of no male associates of JUDITH COPLON at the time, and added that to his knowledge the men employed in the Economic Warfare Section at that time generally avoided COPLON as they considered her to be too emotionally tense. WOHLFORTH later recalled that COPLON had been somewhat of a department problem while employed by him inasmuch as she keenly resented any criticism concerning her work or her general behavior in the office. However, WOHLFORTH added that at the time he regarded this difficulty as a very minor matter.

Mr. WOHLFORTH stated that early in 1945 the Economic Warfare Section in New York was advised by the Department of Justice that its existence was to be terminated as of June 30, 1945. He stated that the employees at that time were advised that they could apply for transfers to the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and be employed there. In this regard, Mr. WOHLFORTH said that SIMS CARTER of the Department came to New York and conferred

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with the employees of the office concerning any contemplated transfers to the Department at Washington. It is WOHLFORTH'S belief that at the request of COPLON he wrote a letter of recommendation for her and that, both as a result of Mr. CARTER'S visit to New York and his letter of recommendation, she was ultimately transferred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. WOHLFORTH stated that he is not sure whether COPLON specifically sought work in the Foreign Agents Registration Section or whether she was assigned there as a matter of course by the Department.

Mr. WOHLFORTH supplied the names of several of COPLON'S associates and fellow employees in the Economic Warfare Section, New York City, and their addresses at the time of their employment there. These names, however, have been previously furnished to the Bureau.

Mr. WOHLFORTH stated that since the disclosure of the charges against COPLON, all of her acquaintances in the New York Office of the Department of Justice, who were employed in New York at the same time as COPLON, have expressed complete amazement concerning the charges and her activities, and were unable to give any reason or background for them. He further stated that he had received a call on this date from HELEN SIEGAL, a former co-worker of COPLON, who stated that she could not believe that the charges against COPLON were true as she knew COPLON and her family intimately. WOHLFORTH stated that since the time of COPLON'S transfer to the Foreign Agents Registration Section in Washington, D.C., he has seen her on only one occasion. This was approximately six weeks prior to COPLON'S arrest on one of her visits to New York when she dropped into the New York Office of the Antitrust Division for the ostensible purpose of greeting her former associates at that office. WOHLFORTH said that he talked to her for not more than two or three minutes on this occasion and that nothing of any serious nature whatsoever was discussed.

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Mrs. SYBIL KOTKIN HARLAM,
nee SYBIL KOTKIN

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Mrs. HARLAM was interviewed at her home, Apartment 11H, 522 East 20th Street, New York City on March 18, 1949, by Special Agents JOHN V. GRIFFIN and RICHARD E. BRENNAN. Mrs. HARLAM stated that she first met JUDITH COPLON when they both enrolled at Barnard College in 1939, and that this acquaintanceship continued all through their four years at school. Mrs. HARLAM advised that she was associated with COPLON on the War Board in their senior year at school. One of the functions of this War Board, according to Mrs. HARLAM, dealt with Russian War Relief, but that to COPLON and to her it was a "job" to be done to help win the war.

Mrs. HARLAM stated that not at this time nor at any other time during her acquaintanceship with COPLON did she hear the subject express any Communistic or pro-Russian views whatsoever; that she was as Mrs. HARLAM was, a "New Dealer". Mrs. HARLAM said that to the best of her knowledge, she has only seen JUDITH COPLON once since their graduation, and this occasion was while Mrs. HARLAM was employed by the State Department in Washington, D. C. She said that she telephonically contacted JUDITH COPLON, and that as a result of their conversation, Mrs. HARLAM spent an evening with COPLON at the latter's apartment.

Mrs. HARLAM was very definite in saying that this was the first time that she had seen or heard from JUDITH COPLON since they graduated from Barnard College.

Concerning COPLON, while she was attending Barnard, Mrs. HARLAM stated that the subject had always impressed her as being a well liked popular girl with no particular axe to grind, possessing a good mind, and with a realistic rather than a pedantic approach to matters.

Mrs. HARLAM stated that she was born March 6, 1923 at Brooklyn, New York; that after graduating from Barnard in 1943, she worked for the National Institute of Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., during the summer of 1943 under a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship, and was later employed

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April, 1945 to December, 1945, with the Office of War Information, 250 West 57th Street, New York City, as an information clerk.

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FLORENCE MORSE
nee Florence Fischman

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It is to be noted that at the time of the arrest of JUDITH COPLON, the name, FLORENCE MORSE, and the address, 309 Avenue C., New York City, were contained in her addressbook.

A review of the New York files, as to all known names of FLORENCE MORSE, to be set out later in this report, and as to her husband, JOSEPH MORSE, and her mother, Mrs. MAX FISCHMAN, was made but no pertinent information was developed.

Mr. HOWARD STRATEMAN, Placement Office, Barnard College, Broadway and 118th Street, New York City, made available the following information pertaining to FLORENCE FISCHMAN:-

FLORENCE FISCHMAN, according to the college records, was born on June 21, 1921 at Yonkers, New York, and attended Barnard College from October, 1939 to 1943, at which time she received a Bachelor of Arts degree. FLORENCE FISCHMAN had previously attended Hawthorne Junior High School and Yonkers High School, Yonkers, New York. She majored in history and maintained a "B" average.

The following addresses for FLORENCE FISCHMAN were contained in the file:

1939 to 1948	-	48 Radford Street, Yonkers, New York
1941	-	395 Riverside Drive, New York City
1946	-	904 President Street, Brooklyn, New York
current address	-	309 Avenue C, New York City.

The college records reflected that FLORENCE FISCHMAN'S father was MAX FISCHMAN, deceased, who was born in Hungary and whose occupation was listed as a doctor. FLORENCE FISCHMAN'S mother was listed in the records as HELENA FISCHMAN, born in New York City, and it was reflected that HELENA FISCHMAN had attended Hunter's Teachers' College, and was employed in the real estate business.

The following places of employment were listed in the college records for FLORENCE FISCHMAN:-

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September, 1939 - October, 1939 - part-time employment at Lord & Taylor, New York City

October, 1939 - November, 1940 - clerk under N.Y.A. Program at Barnard College

September, 1941 - October, 1941 - copy girl on the "Women's Wear Daily" (college-fashion news work on free-lance basis)

July, 1941 - August, 1941 - clerk-typist, Remington-Rand

June, 1943 - March, 1944 - Training Squad; editorial staff of "Fortune", employer - Time, Inc.

March, 1945 - May, 1945 - employed as publicist on free-lance basis by EDWARD L. BERNAYS

Fall of 1946 - reporter, Park Slope Gazette

1947 - writing half of daily radio show "Inside New York", transmitted over radio station WINS.

The following extracurricular activities of FLORENCE FISCHMAN were reflected in the college records:

Freshman Year	-	"Mortarboard" Circulation Committee (college Yearbook); Class Historian; Greek Games; News Board of the Barnard "Bulletin", school newspaper
Sophomore Year	-	War Relief Committee; News Board of the "Bulletin"; "Mortarboard" literary staff; Executive Committee, Roosevelt Club; class representative to Representative Assembly
Junior Year	-	representative to Representative Assembly; Class Historian; Barnard Political Council; delegate to the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People; editorial assistant on the "Bulletin";

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Junior Show; Press Board, Junior Prom Committee

Senior Year

- Editor-in-Chief of the "Bulletin" and Ivy Ceremony Chairman during Senior Week

Barnard College records further reflected that FLORENCE FISCHMAN married JOSEPH MOSKOVITZ, a lawyer, on October 1, 1943, and that MOSKOVITZ changed his name later to MORSE. The records further reflected that FLORENCE FISCHMAN has two children, namely, JOEL, born October 23, 1944, and JONATHAN, born September 10, 1948.

Mrs. ALICE HATTER, Employment Records Office, Lord & Taylor, 38th Street and 5th Avenue, New York City, advised that FLORENCE FISCHMAN had been employed from September 15, 1939 to October 25, 1941 on Saturdays only, as a salesgirl, and once again, from November 15, 1941 until April 25, 1942 as a part-time salesgirl, employed Saturdays only.

Lord & Taylor employment records reflected that during this period, FLORENCE FISCHMAN had resided at 395 Riverside Drive, and was attending Barnard College. Her Social Security Number was listed as 076-14-8792, and her references were given as Dr. PHILIP ROTNER, dentist, Valentine Lane, Yonkers, New York, and BERNARD HARRIS, MD., Hotel Towers, Valentine Lane, Yonkers, New York. The records also reflected that Miss FISCHMAN had previously been employed as a salesgirl by Mrs. J. RYAN at the Anne Dress Shop, South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, from December, 1938 until January, 1939.

Miss SCHLOSSER, secretary to Mr. WINTERRODE, Contact Service Department, Remington Rand, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City, advised that there was no application presently on file pertaining to FLORENCE FISCHMAN'S employment by that company during the year 1941.

HARRY BERGER, Sales Office, Remington Rand, advised, regarding employees engaged on a temporary basis or short-time contract, that the practice of the company was to retain the application for a short period of time following completion of the employment and then, to destroy it. Mr. BERGER stated that the only information in possession of the company at this time is that FLORENCE FISCHMAN had been employed by the company during July and August, 1941.

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Mrs. ELIZABETH BRADFORD, Personnel Director, "Time" magazine, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, advised that FLORENCE FISCHMAN had been employed from June 21, 1943 until March 29, 1944, at which time she resigned of her own volition. Mrs. BRADFORD stated that during this period, FLORENCE FISCHMAN was a trainee on the editorial squad doing research work for the "Fortune" magazine staff. She advised that at the time FLORENCE FISCHMAN resigned, she left on what was known at that time as "military leave", in order to visit her husband, JOSEPH MOSKOVITZ, in a trailer-camp at Oat Grove, Kentucky.

Mrs. BRADFORD advised that following FLORENCE FISCHMAN'S visit to her husband, she became pregnant and severed completely her employment with "Time". Mrs. BRADFORD advised that FLORENCE FISCHMAN MOSKOVITZ had, prior to her employment with "Time", been employed at the following places:-

Millinery Fashion Bureau, New York City	- summer work
Millinery Stabilization Commission, New York City	- two weeks' employment
Thomas Fizdale, Inc.	- temporary employment
Lord & Taylor	- part-time
"Yonkers Herald Statesman", Yonkers, New York	- free-lance basis
"Women's Wear Daily"	- Summer of 1941

Mrs. BRADFORD stated that Mrs. MOSKOVITZ' employment with "Time" had been her first full-time employment. She advised that there was no derogatory information in the file pertaining to FLORENCE FISCHMAN MOSKOVITZ.

Mrs. BRADFORD made available a photograph of FLORENCE FISCHMAN MOSKOVITZ, which is being retained in instant file.

Confidential Informant T-20 advised, by order of City Court, Kings County, on August 7, 1947, JOSEPH MOSKOVITZ changed his name to JOSEPH MORSE, and that JOSEPH MORSE, his wife, and two children, presently reside in apartment 4-G, 309 Avenue C, New York City.

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Confidential Informant T-20 advised that JOSEPH MORSE and his wife, during 1946, resided at 907 President Street, Brooklyn, New York, and previously resided at 395 Riverside Drive, c/o FISCHMAN.

T-20 advised that, to his knowledge, JOSEPH MORSE maintained a bank account at the Newton Trust Company, located in Newton, New Jersey. T-20 stated that JOSEPH MORSE was employed by the firm of WILKIE, OWEN, OTIS FARR & GALLAGHER, located at 15 Broad Street, New York City. T-20 further stated that Mrs. JOSEPH MORSE did free-lance work on the show "Inside New York", which was broadcast over Station WINS during November, 1947. T-20 advised that JOSEPH MORSE had been inducted into the United States Army on April 29, 1943 and was discharged on February 1, 1946.

Confidential Informant T-21 furnished the following background information regarding JOSEPH MOSKOVITZ:-

T-21 stated that MOSKOVITZ was born December 28, 1920 in New York City. As of 1943, he resided at 1124 Amsterdam Avenue. MOSKOVITZ resided in the State of New York for a period of twenty years and is the son of MAX MOSKOVITZ, who was born in Russia, presently residing in Blairstown, New Jersey, and ROSE MOSKOVITZ, born in Newark, New Jersey. T-21 stated that MOSKOVITZ attended Public School #64, Bronx, New York, from 1926 to 1931 and Junior High School #79, Bronx, from 1931 to 1933. He attended De Witt Clinton High School, Bronx, New York, 1933 to 1936, and Columbia College, 1936 to June, 1940, when he received an AB degree, and also, Columbia Law School, September, 1940 to February, 1943, at which time he received his LLB degree.

T-21 furnished all addresses of JOSEPH MOSKOVITZ from 1920 to 1943 and only the pertinent addresses have been set out below:

September, 1939 to January, 1940 - 2940 Broadway

January, 1940 to June, 1940 - 1116 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City

September, 1940 to June, 1941 - 240 Broadway

September, 1942 to February, 1943 - 500 Riverside Drive, New York City

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T-21 advised that JOSEPH MOSKOVITZ had numerous part-time employments, which are not believed pertinent, and are not being set forth herein.

T-21 further advised that JOSEPH MOSKOVITZ had operated a soda-fountain concession at 974 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, from September to December, 1939, during which time he was in partnership with DAVID NADEL, whose last known address is 618 West 118th Street, New York City. T-21 further stated that JOSEPH MOSKOVITZ was an attorney and had been employed in the Legal Department, Port of New York Authority, 111 Eighth Avenue, New York City.

A review of the current New York City telephone directory reflects that the mother of FLORENCE FISCHMAN MORSE, Mrs. MAX FISCHMAN, presently resides at 395 Riverside Drive, New York City, and that her telephone number is MO 2-8596.

It is to be noted that just prior to the interview of Mrs. FLORENCE MORSE, her mother, who was caring for Mrs. MORSE'S two children, was discreetly questioned and it was ascertained that she, Mrs. MAX (HELENA) FISCHMAN, has not remarried since the death of her husband.

Records of the Board of Elections, Manhattan, New York, reflect that HELENA FISCHMAN, 395 Riverside Drive, New York City, registered from this address during 1948, at which time she stated she was a widow, and had resided in the State of New York for the past twenty-one years. Her place of birth was given as the United States. It is to be noted that HELENA FISCHMAN affiliated with one of the two major political parties.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflected that, according to their report dated October, 1928, Dr. MAX FISCHMAN and his wife, HELENA, reside at 48 Radford Street, Yonkers, New York.

The records of the Board of Elections, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that during 1946, FLORENCE MOSKOWITZ, 904 President Street, affiliated with one of the two major political parties. Her occupation, during 1946, was given as a housewife.

The records of the Board of Elections, Manhattan, New York, reflected that during 1944, FLORENCE MOSKOWITZ affiliated with one of the two major political parties, from the address of 395 Riverside Drive, New York City.

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The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, failed to reflect that either JOSEPH MORSE or his wife, FLORENCE MORSE, had voted from 309 Avenue C, New York City.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflected that JOSEPH MORSE, whose name was changed from MOSKOVITZ, formerly resided, during 1947, at 904 President Street, Brooklyn, New York, and, during 1944, at 395 Riverside Drive, New York City. These records further reflected that, during 1944, FLORENCE FISCHMAN MORSE was employed by "Fortune" magazine.

The records of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, New York City, reflect, under Operator's #3029377, that JOSEPH MORSE, employed by WILKIE, OTIS, OWEN FARR & GALLAGHER, 15 Broad Street, New York City, was born on December 28, 1920, is a member of the white race, weighs 160 lbs., is 5'9" tall, has gray eyes and red hair.

The marriage records for Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan were checked and failed to reflect any record of marriage, during 1943, of FLORENCE FISCHMAN and JOSEPH MORSE.

The records of the Selective Service Headquarters, New York City, failed to reflect any information regarding JOSEPH MORSE.

The records of the Bureau of Special Service & Investigations, New York City Police Department, failed to reflect any information regarding JOSEPH or FLORENCE MORSE.

The above investigation of MORSE was conducted by Special Agent Robert L. Schwartz.

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MRS. JOSEPH (FLORENCE FISCHMAN) MORSE was interviewed at her residence, Apartment 4-G, 309 Avenue C, New York City, and furnished the following information to SAs ROBERT L. SCHWARTZ and WALTER P. GAVIN:

MRS. MORSE advised that her husband, JOSEPH MORSE, is presently employed in the Legal Department, RCA Corporation, Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. MRS. MORSE stated that she married her husband on October 1, 1943, at Louisville, Kentucky. MRS. MORSE stated that her father, DR. MAX FISCHMAN, died in September of 1931 and that her mother, a widow, presently resides in Apartment 12-E at 395 Riverside Drive. MRS. MORSE advised that she was born June 21, 1921, at Yonkers, New York. She is approximately five feet four inches tall, weighs one hundred and twenty pounds, has brown hair, brown eyes and a ruddy complexion. MRS. MORSE stated that she has at the present time two children--JOEL, born December 23, 1944, in New York City, and JONATHAN, born September 10, 1948, at New York City.

MRS. MORSE advised that she formerly resided with her parents at 48 Radford Street, Yonkers, New York, until about the year 1941, at which time she moved with her family to 395 Riverside Drive, Apartment 12-E, and that while at this address she lived here for a short time with her husband until approximately the spring of 1946, following which she and her husband moved to 904 President Street, where they resided in the second floor, rear apartment from approximately the spring of 1946 until the spring of 1948, at which time they moved to their present address, 309 Avenue C, New York City. MRS. MORSE stated that she has one sister, MRS. ALEXANDER STEIN, presently residing in Apartment 4-H at 420 East 86th Street, New York City. MRS. MORSE further stated that her sister-in-law, MRS. JULIUS FASTINGS, presently resides at 310 Fishel Street, Riverhead, New York, and that her parents-in-law, MAX and ROSE DOBRIN MOSKOVITZ, presently reside at 46 Second Street, Riverhead, New York.

MRS. MORSE advised that she attended Public School No. 13, at Yonkers, New York, from approximately 1926 to 1932; Hawthorne Junior High School, Yonkers, New York, from 1932 to 1936; Yonkers High School, Yonkers, New York, from 1936 to 1939; and Barnard College, New York City, from 1939 to 1943, at which time she received a B. A. Degree. MRS. MORSE stated that

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while at Barnard, she was very active in extracurricular activities and furnished, to the best of her knowledge, her extracurricular activities while at Barnard: Editor-in-Chief of the "Barnard Bulletin;" member of the Student Council; Class Historian; member of the staff of the "Mortar Board," the school year book; and a member of the Inter-Faith Council.

MRS. MORSE advised that she has had the following employers: Lord and Taylor's, where she was employed on Saturdays and Holidays over the period from 1939 to 1942; free-lance correspondent for the "Yonkers Herald Statesman" during her college days; copy girl during 1940 on the "Women's Wear Daily;" part-time employment during the year 1941 by the Millinery Fashion Bureau, New York City; employment with the Fortune Magazine, New York City, from 1943 to 1944; employment as a free-lance writer for EDWARD L. BERNAY during 1945; and a writer during the year 1948 for the show known as "Inside New York" transmitted over Radio Station WINS.

MRS. MORSE stated that it was difficult for her to recall definitely just when she met JUDITH COPLON but that she recalls distinctly having attended two classes with JUDITH COPLON during her attendance at Barnard College. MRS. MORSE stated that one of the classes was a course in Fine Arts and the other was a course in Government. MRS. MORSE stated that JUDITH COPLON was employed directly under her on the staff of the "Barnard Bulletin," the college newspaper, and that during this time JUDITH COPLON was employed as Managing Editor. MRS. MORSE stated that she was sure, during her senior year, JUDITH COPLON was her immediate subordinate on the "Bulletin."

MRS. MORSE stated that she, at no time, had any extended social or outside contacts with JUDITH COPLON during their mutual attendance at Barnard College but that undoubtedly she saw JUDITH COPLON and had reason to discuss various problems arising in the publication of the "Bulletin" with COPLON. MRS. MORSE stated that during JUDITH COPLON'S senior year, at Barnard College, COPLON was believed to be closer to MARCIA FREEMAN LESSER, who presently resides at 144-35 76th Avenue, Kew Garden Hills, Queens, than any other individual. MRS. MORSE advised that during their senior year she could state definitely that in her opinion JUDITH COPLON was "very liberal." MRS. MORSE stated that by her term "very liberal" she meant

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"JUDITH COPLON was on the side of the underdog all the time and very much interested in world problems." MRS. MORSE stated that she had, to the best of her recollection, never gone out with JUDITH COPLON during the time that they both attended Barnard College. MRS. MORSE further stated that she was never "close to JUDY COPLON" and that she never considered herself to be a really intimate friend of JUDITH COPLON'S.

MRS. MORSE stated that she and JUDITH COPLON graduated from Barnard College in June, 1943, and that, to the best of her recollection, she next saw JUDITH COPLON during December of 1944 when COPLON visited her during her confinement in the Lying-In Hospital, which is a maternity hospital connected with the New York Hospital. MRS. MORSE advised that JUDITH COPLON either received an announcement of the birth of her child or saw the birth notice in the alumnae magazine, or heard through one of their mutual friends that she had given birth to a son. MRS. MORSE stated that MARCIA FREEMAN and SHIRLEY ARONOW SAMIS, of 188-45, A-71, Crescent, Flushing, New York, were the mutual friends referred to above.

MRS. MORSE stated that at the time JUDY visited her in the hospital JUDY was accompanied on this occasion by SHIRLEY ARONOW. MRS. MORSE stated that she believed ARONOW held the same type of position in the Justice Department at Washington, D. C., as did JUDITH COPLON. MRS. MORSE stated that she did not know just how close JUDITH COPLON and SHIRLEY ARONOW were while stationed in Washington, D. C.

MRS. MORSE further stated that she was unable to recall ever having corresponded with JUDITH COPLON or telephoning her. MRS. MORSE stated that to the best of her recollection she next saw JUDITH COPLON about the fall of 1947 at 10 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and that on this occasion MARCIA FREEMAN LESSER was having a party in her home one Sunday afternoon at the above address. MRS. MORSE stated that she recalled talking with JUDITH COPLON at this time and that the conversation, to the best of her recollection, was very general. MRS. MORSE stated that she also recalled that on this occasion JUDITH COPLON was called for at the party by her brother. MRS. MORSE advised that she did not know any of the other people in attendance at the party inasmuch as they were friends of MARCIA'S husband.

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MRS. MORSE stated that she next heard from JUDITH COPLON in either October or November, 1948, at which time JUDITH COPLON telephoned her while JUDITH COPLON was paying a short visit in New York City. MRS. MORSE stated that the conversation was concerned solely with congratulations extended by JUDITH COPLON to her upon the birth of her son JONATHAN.

MRS. MORSE advised that approximately two months ago JUDITH COPLON called her on the telephone once again while she was visiting New York City and at this time JUDITH COPLON informed her she was trying to secure a job in New York City and was having a great deal of difficulty in doing so. MRS. MORSE stated that JUDITH COPLON had never made any requests of her whatsoever.

MRS. MORSE stated that during the time she knew JUDITH COPLON in school she recalled that JUDITH COPLON had a school friend by the name of MARIAN DAVIS, with whom she was quite close. MRS. MORSE advised that she believed MARIAN DAVIS was either in their class at Barnard or the following class. MRS. MORSE stated that she was not cognizant of the degree of intimacy between JUDITH COPLON and MARIAN DAVIS.

MR. JOSEPH MORSE was interviewed at his place of business, the Legal Department of RCA, Room 5304, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. MR. MORSE stated that he first met JUDITH COPLON, to the best of his recollection, early in the year 1942, and that he probably met JUDITH COPLON through his wife inasmuch as JUDITH COPLON was on the staff of the "Barnard Bulletin." MR. MORSE stated that from 1942 to 1943, he was unable to recall any substantial contact with COPLON whatsoever. MR. MORSE further stated that from 1943 to 1946 he served in the United States Army and at no time during this period saw JUDITH COPLON. MR. MORSE also advised that he next saw JUDITH COPLON sometime during the spring of 1947 on one Sunday afternoon. MORSE advised that at this time he and his wife were residing at 904 President Street, Brooklyn, New York, and that while they were out walking on one Sunday afternoon with their son, who was approximately two and one-half years of age at this time, he, his wife and son dropped in at 8 or 10 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, in order to visit GILL and MARCIA (FREEMAN) LESSER. MR. MORSE stated that at this time a party was

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being held at the aforementioned address and that he recalls very definitely that JUDITH COPLON was present on this occasion and, also, he recalls speaking to her. MR. MORSE advised that to the best of his recollection their conversation dealt with their respective employments and that JUDITH COPLON advised him that she was presently employed with the Department of Justice. MORSE advised that in so far as he can recall, JUDITH COPLON did not attend this party with any other individual. MORSE advised that he and his wife stayed merely thirty or forty minutes at the party inasmuch as they had their infant son with them, and that he had little occasion to carry on any great length of conversation with JUDITH COPLON. MORSE further stated that he knew only the LESSERS and JUDITH COPLON of those in attendance at the party inasmuch as he believed they were all friends of MR. LESSER'S.

MORSE advised that in his opinion JUDITH COPLON was "liberal." MR. MORSE stated that he had "nothing concrete to base my opinion on and I am unable to define clearly my use of the term 'liberal' in reference to JUDITH COPLON but my opinion is based on the few contacts I had with her, at which time I sensed her leanings."

MR. MORSE stated that he had heard that STIRLEY ARONOW and JUDITH COPLON were employed together in the Justice Department in Washington, D. C. MR. MORSE stated that he had no concrete information bearing on STIRLEY ARONOW and that he was unable to recall ever having met MARIAN DAVIS.

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PHILIP G. PAVIA

The name PHILIP G. PAVIA, address 53 West Eighth Street, New York City, telephone GR 5-5864, was found in JUDITH COPLON'S address book at the time of her arrest. The following investigation was conducted by SA Robert L. Schwartz in an endeavor to identify PAVIA:

A review of the New York Office files failed to reflect any information regarding PHILIP G. PAVIA but did reflect that prior investigation of one JOSEPH KATZ revealed that KATZ had retained the name of PAVIA and Company, 55 West 42nd Street, New York City, in his possession.

A review of the New York City Telephone Directories from 1938 to date was made and the following information was secured;

PHILIP PAVIA, a sculptor, of 101 Park Avenue, New York City, telephone CA 5-7317, was listed in the 1938 Directory and continued in the New York Telephone Directory until the Winter Edition of 1939-1940. The New York Telephone Directory for 1944 reflected that PHILIP G. PAVIA resided at 347 East 18th Street, New York City, during 1944 and from 1945 to date the address of PAVIA has been carried as 53 West Eighth Street. PAVIA'S present telephone number is listed as GR 5-5864 and it is to be noted that this is the same telephone number listed to PAVIA during 1944.

Confidential Informant T-6 advised that PHILIP G. PAVIA furnished his business address as 101 Park Avenue during 1944 but that inquiry at 101 Park Avenue during 1946 reflected "not here according to check made supposed to be working". T-6 was unable to further clarify this information and was not able definitely to state whether PAVIA was employed at 101 Park Avenue during 1946 but was out of the office or whether he had left employment at 101 Park Avenue entirely. T-6 stated in reference to PAVIA'S 1944 telephone, namely CA 5-7317, listed at 101 Park Avenue, that this number has been changed to MU 5-7317 and is listed to the Construction Survey Company, 101 Park Avenue, New York City. T-6 further stated that additional listings, namely, University of Economic Foundation, Construction Industry Ass.

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also have the above telephone number.

T-6 stated that the Construction Survey Company was reported to maintain financial dealings with the Bridgeport City Trust Company at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

T-6 further stated that on December 31, 1948 PAVIA telephoned Bridgeport, Connecticut 6-2028 and on January 13, 1949 contacted Bridgeport, Connecticut 3-3121.

MATTHIAS JENNINGS, assistant superintendent and W. H. PALMER, superintendent for the past fifteen years at 101 Park Avenue, were contacted and were unable to furnish any information regarding PAVIA.

THOMAS J. HENDRIX, superintendent of the property located at 347 East 18th Street, New York City, a former address of PHILIP G. PAVIA during 1944, was contacted. Mr. HENDRIX stated that the building at this address has been owned for the past three years by the Community Social Service of New York City and operated as a girls' home and that previously the property was operated as a child social welfare agency.

Inquiry in the neighborhood failed to reflect any information regarding PAVIA or the former owner of the property located at 347 East 18th Street, New York City.

HERMAN L. BRESLAW, Realtor, 16 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he is the present owner of the property located at 53 West Eighth Street. Mr. BRESLAW stated that he possessed no information regarding PHILIP G. PAVIA who resides at 53 West Eighth Street other than the fact that Mr. PAVIA had indirectly informed him that he, PAVIA, receives checks from out of town and that consequently his rent, due on the first of the month, was not ordinarily paid until the fifteenth of the month. Mr. BRESLAW advised that he had never had any personal contact with Mr. PAVIA.

Confidential Informant T-12 advised that PHILIP PAVIA has resided in apartment 5, rear west, at 53 West Eighth Street for approximately the past five years. T-12 stated that PAVIA has always

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paid his rent in cash and that therefore he knew of no financial institution with which PAVIA might have dealings. T-12 stated that it was his understanding that PAVIA has a mother and relatives residing in Bridgeport, Connecticut. T-12 stated that he had ascertained that PAVIA has a girlfriend by the name of JEANNE who is employed by a company, the name of which he did not know, but which company he believed to be located in the 500 block on Fifth Avenue, New York City. T-12 stated that PAVIA claimed to be a sculptor and at one time had informed him that he, PAVIA, had been employed by the New York City Board of Education as a teacher of sculpture. T-12 stated that PAVIA to his knowledge always seemed to possess sufficient funds. T-12 further stated that PAVIA is quite often seen carrying a brief case. T-12 did not know the present employer of PAVIA. T-12 advised that an individual by the name of ROSATTI (phonetic) had formerly resided with PAVIA and that he believed ROSATTI presently resides somewhere in the neighborhood of 11th or 12th Streets in Greenwich Village. T-12 stated that it was his understanding that ROSATTI had two or three children and that ROSATTI'S wife, reportedly in the recent past gave birth to a youngster. T-12 stated that he had ascertained that ROSATTI had paid PAVIA'S rent while PAVIA was traveling in Italy from approximately March to the late summer of 1948. T-12 stated that PAVIA spends very little time at 53 West Eighth Street, New York City, inasmuch as to all outward appearances he travels on business. T-12 stated that he had observed that associates of PAVIA apparently have duplicate keys to PAVIA'S apartment and at times make use of the apartment themselves.

T-12 further advised that on occasions he had observed that PAVIA'S girlfriend stays overnight in PAVIA'S apartment and further that PAVIA also on occasions entertains groups of unknown individuals in his apartment.

T-12 furnished the following description of PAVIA:

Age	Approximately 38 to 39
Height	5'6"
Weight	170
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark

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Complexion	Olive
Face	Full
Voice	Husky
Dress	Neat
Nationality	Believed possibly Italian
Marital status	Single as far as known

T-12 also furnished the following description of PAVIA'S girlfriend JEANNE:

Age	About 20
Height	5'3"
Weight	100
Hair	Dark
Nationality	Italian or Spanish

J. SMITH, Clerk, Board of Education, Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York, reviewed his records and advised that PHILIP G. PAVIA was not listed as a licensed teacher in the New York City School System. Mr. SMITH advised that it was quite possible that PAVIA had been employed by the Federal Security Agency, 1734 New York Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C. in the New York City School System in which case his name would not be reflected in the records of the New York City School System.

Confidential Informants T-7 and T-8 advised that PHILIP G. PAVIA, 53 West Eighth Street, New York City, has resided at this address to their knowledge for approximately the past five years. The informants stated that approximately one and one-half years ago PAVIA received a \$6,000 check from the United States Government.

The Informants further stated that PAVIA was believed to have journeyed to Italy during the past year and further that it was understood that PAVIA received correspondence from Italy.

T-7 and T-8 advised that PAVIA approximately one year ago received mail addressed to an individual whose last name was NEU. The informants stated that they had never observed NEU and that NEU could quite possibly be an alias of PAVIA.

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The informants further stated that PAVIA received correspondence from NICHOLAS BI MASSIMO, 2599 Easton Turnpike, Bridgeport, Connecticut and GEORGE GARILLE, 373 East 35th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The informants were unable to identify the individual whose last name was given as ROSATTI (phonetic) and after inquiry stated that ROSATTI was not known in the vicinity of West 11th or 12th Streets, Greenwich Village,

The informants furnished the following description of PAVIA:

Age	About 40
Height	5'8 - 5'9"
Build	Heavy
Physical features	Coarse
Hair	Black, graying at the temples and inclined to be bushy
Complexion	Dark
Voice	Husky
Dress	Often wears a black beret

A review of the New York Office files failed to reflect any identifiable information concerning NEU, BI MASSIMO or GARILLE referred to above.

The records of the Old Chelsea Post Office located at 217 West 18th Street, New York City, failed to reflect a forwarding address for either of the individuals whose last names were given as NEU and ROSATTI (phonetic).

A spot surveillance was maintained at the residence of PHILIP G. PAVIA at 53 West Eighth Street on March 22, 1949 and no individual fitting the description of PAVIA was observed.

In an endeavor to ascertain if PHILIP G. PAVIA, whose name was found in the possession of JUDITH COPLON, was connected with the firm Pavia and Company mentioned in the investigation of JOSEPH KATZ, the following investigation was conducted:

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Confidential Informant T-13 was contacted and advised that a contact of his, who was formerly employed by Pavia and Company, Inc., had informed him that a PHILIP G. PAVIA had to his contacts knowledge formerly worked out of Pavia and Company although the contact of T-13 was never able to definitely ascertain PAVIA'S connection with Pavia and Company according to T-13.

It is to be noted that the reliability of T-13's contact is not known. T-13 stated that he had his secretary telephone Pavia and Company, Inc. and ask for PHILIP G. PAVIA and that an unidentified individual at Pavia and Company, Inc. had refused to furnish any information as to whether or not PHILIP G. PAVIA was employed by this concern. T-13 stated that the unidentified individual at Pavia and Company, Inc. had then requested to speak with his secretary's employer and that he then spoke with this unidentified individual. T-13 advised that he asked to speak with PHILIP G. PAVIA concerning a business matter and that the unidentified individual stammered and sounded confused and then stated that PHILIP PAVIA was not in the office and could not be immediately reached. T-13 advised that in an aside the unidentified individual spoke in Italian to a second individual. T-13 stated that he speaks and understands the Italian language and that the unidentified individual on the telephone had mentioned to the second individual that "someone is asking for Phil." T-13 stated he informed the unidentified individual at Pavia and Company, Inc. that a party by the name of PHILIP G. PAVIA had previously contacted him pertaining to the shipment of machinery to Italy and while he was not interested at the time, he now desired to contact PHILIP G. PAVIA. T-13 stated that the unknown individual had then taken his name, firm and telephone number, apparently with the intention of furnishing this information to PHILIP PAVIA.

The Certificate of Incorporation #7053 referring to Pavia and Company, Inc. filed with the State of New York, Department of State on July 10, 1947 reflected that Pavia and Company Inc. was formed in order to import and export and to manufacture merchandise of every description and to handle any mercantile, manufacturing or trading business of any kind or character without or within the State of New York.

The records further reflected that Directors of the Corporation

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were listed as LILLIAN ROSENBLUM, 663 Georgia Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; HARRIET STECKLER, 103 Hawkstone Street, Bronx, New York and FRANCES HACK, 1744 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, New York. The attorney for Pavia and Company, Inc. was listed as HARRY S. YOUNG, 37 Wall Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant [] in report dated June 8, 1948 advised that the President and Treasurer of Pavia and Company, Inc. was NINO PAVIA and that the Vice President and Treasurer was HARRY D. FORNARI. The Directors of the Corporation were reflected to be the above officers.

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[] advised that Pavia and Company, Inc. was chartered under New York laws on October 3, 1947 with an authorized capital of one thousand shares of Class A stock and five hundred shares of Class B stock. All of the Class A stock, according to [] is issued and outstanding in the amount of \$100,000 and is 100 per cent owned by NINO PAVIA, the President. [] stated that none of the Class B shares have been issued to date.

According to [] NINO PAVIA was born in 1906 in Italy and is married. The informant stated that NINO PAVIA previously conducted Pavia and Company in Genoa, Italy which business was reportedly established in 1873. [] stated that according to PAVIA he conducted the London, England branch of Pavia and Company for a time and entered the United States during January of 1941. [] stated that PAVIA then established Pavia and Company on October 30, 1942 at which time Pavia and Company was located at 233 Broadway, New York City. [] stated that a short time thereafter Pavia and Company moved to 55 West 42nd Street and conducted their business as Pavia and Company. According to [] during 1942 Pavia and Company moved to the present address, namely 11 West 42nd Street, New York City. [] stated that Pavia and Company was then succeeded by Pavia and Company Inc. which corporation assumed the liabilities and acquired the assets at that time.

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[] advised that HARRY D. FORNARI was born in Italy in 1919 and is married. The informant stated FORNARI entered the United States in 1939. [] advised that according to FORNARI he received a Ph. D. degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Bologna, Italy. [] stated that FORNARI was active

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in business in Italy in the A. Fornari, Inc. which was established in 1921. [] stated that FORNARI had informed them that his father is a principal in that concern but that he individually no longer has any interest in this concern. [] stated according to FORNARI that business was engaged in the paper and stationery business. [] advised that for a short time FORNARI was President of the Fortex Mills Inc. located at 7 West 42nd Street which business became inactive when FORNARI entered the United States Army and that following his discharge he was employed by Pavia and Company later becoming an officer in this concern.

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[] stated that Pavia and Company, Inc. maintains one wholly owned subsidiary, namely, Fortex Mills Inc. in which concern the members hold identical offices. [] advised that Fortex Mills Inc. reportedly handles the exporting and importing of general merchandise for the business. [] advised that inter-company relations between Pavia and Company Inc. and Fortex Mills Inc. included loans and guarantees. however, it was directly stated by NINO PAVIA, according to [] that as of May 24, 1948 Fortex Mills Inc. was dormant although the incorporated charter has not as yet been surrendered.

[] stated that an interim balance sheet as of March 31, 1948 reflected that Pavia and Company, Inc. owed Fortex Mills Inc. \$7,821.69. [] stated that Pavia and Company, Inc. are exporters and importers of general merchandise, petroleum, petroleum by-products, food stuffs and chemicals.

According to the informant sales are made to Europe, South America and at present particularly export is made to Italy.

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Informant stated that the chief import of the business is olive oil and that at the present 90% of the corporation's volume is export and 10% is import business.

[] stated that the corporation maintains sales agents throughout the world. [] advised that the business presently operates mainly on a Letter of Credit basis although some business is done on a Sight Draft basis. [] stated that the corporation

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has nine employees and maintains office space at 11 West 42nd Street, New York City on the twelfth floor of this building.

[] stated that a financial statement as of a Balance Sheet dated March 31, 1948 reflected that the corporation had \$76,056.72 cash on hand and in banks and owed Pavia and Company in Genoa, Italy, \$33,653.22 and further that under the title Current Assets is listed an amount of \$44,173.24 due from NINO PAVIA.

[] advised that on May 24, 1948 NINO PAVIA, President and Treasurer of the corporation, stated that the item due from him amounted to \$44,173.24 and represented money used by him as an investment in a Pan American corporation, namely, Prima Vista, Sociated Navigations. [] stated that according to PAVIA the money was used in part for the purchase of a steamship which transports coal from Gulf States in the United States to Italy.

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According to [] the money has reportedly been entirely repaid to the corporation by PAVIA.

[] stated that according to NINO PAVIA outside borrowing has been necessary to some extent to finance operations of Pavia and Company, Inc. and that at present loans from a local bank in sums in excess of \$50,000 are outstanding. The informant further advised that according to PAVIA a tentative order of \$500,000 is pending under European Recovery Program for shipment to Italy. [] advised that Pavia and Company, Inc. maintains financial transactions with T-14 and T-15.

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In the report of [] dated July 23, 1948, NINO PAVIA is reflected as President and HARRY D. FORNARI is reflected as Secretary of the Super Chemical Corporation of New York. The informant stated that this is a New York corporation chartered in May 1947 and will be engaged in the export of dye stuffs and chemicals. [] advised that as of July 1948 the concern, namely, Super Chemical Corporation of New York, was in the formative stages.

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[] further advised that NINO PAVIA is President and HARRY D. FORNARI is First Vice President of the Paviaco Oil Corporation

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located at 11 West 42nd Street and according to the informant this is a New York corporation which was chartered in May of 1947 and is expected to be engaged in the export of lubricating oils and petroleum. The informant advised that as of July 1948 this corporation was also in the formative stages and that as of this date no trading had been done.

[] stated that obligations of both the two previously named corporations have been formally guaranteed by the parent company namely, Pavia and Company, Inc.

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Confidential Informant T-14 advised that it maintains two accounts of Pavia and Company Inc., namely, the old account entitled, Pavia and Company which account is not active at the present time, and which company was under the proprietorship of NINO L. PAVIA, and an active account entitled Pavia and Company, Inc.

T-14 stated that according to its records NINO PAVIA is listed as the President and Treasurer of Pavia and Company, Inc. and HARRY D. FORNARI is listed as Vice President and Secretary of this corporation. T-14 further stated that an inactive account under the name of Fortex Mills, Inc. is maintained and that according to its records HARRY D. FORNARI is listed as the President, Secretary and Treasurer while MARIE LOUISE DELLA SETA - FORNARI is listed as the Vice President and further that NINO L. PAVIA has power of attorney in this account.

T-14 made available cancelled checks of the Pavia and Company Inc., a perusal of which reflected that the following individuals are believed to be employed by this corporation:

~~CE~~ CESARE GOLINO
~~DO~~ DOROTHY WEINBERG
~~RO~~ ROSE M. DICHAJARO
~~OL~~ SHA OLSCHIKI (not legibile)

T-14 further advised that large withdrawals are made by Pavia and Company, Inc. to the credit of T-15 which withdrawals appear to be of a purely routing business nature.

T-14 stated that the balance maintained by Pavia and Company

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Inc. fluctuates between \$100,000 down to a low four figure amount each month.

T-14 further stated that Pavia and Company Inc. also maintains financial dealings with T-16, T-17 and T-18.

In an endeavor to develop background information concerning PHILIP G. PAVIA of 53 West Eighth Street, the following sources were contacted with negative results:

Immigration and Naturalization Service
70 Columbus Avenue
New York, New York

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JOHN J. CUNNINGHAM, Educational Director
National Sculpture Society
1083 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

List of Registered Architects for the years 1946 to 1948
published by the University of the State of New York

Newspaper Clipping Index Files maintained by the New
York Public Library
42nd Street and Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

"New York Times" Index, 1939 to 1948

Selective Service Headquarters
New York, New York

Board of Elections, New York City

Motor Vehicle Bureau, New York City

concerning PHILIP G. PAVIA

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Credit Bureau of Greater New York

Bureau of Special Service and Investigations
New York City Police Department

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN F. MALLEY:

MARCIA and GIL LESSER
144-35 76th Avenue
Flushing, New York

The above names which appear in the address book of JUDITH COPLON have been identified as MARCIA (FREEMAN) LESSER and GILBERT R. LESSER of the above address. MARCIA FREEMAN LESSER was born June 31, 1921 in New York City. Her parents, ARTHUR FREEMAN and MARY K. FREEMAN, are both native born United States citizens. Mrs. LESSER'S father is the ARTHUR FREEMAN given as a reference by JUDITH COPLON when she applied for a position with the Department of Justice as previously reported.

MARCIA LESSER has resided in the New York Area all her life. She attended Barnard College from 1939 to 1943 and was employed as a teacher of English at Barnard for two years following her graduation. During the summer of 1944, Mrs. LESSER was employed by the United States Army in the Language Section of the Information and Education Division. Mrs. LESSER has also been employed as a writer by WABF, a small FM radio station, by MILTON E. KRENTS, a radio production man, and by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. At the present time, she is not employed.

On March 2, 1947, MARCIA FREEMAN was married to GILBERT R. LESSER. They resided at 10 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, until 1948, when they moved to their present address.

GILBERT R. LESSER was born May 3, 1912 at Brooklyn, New York, and has always resided in the New York area. His parents, SAMUEL LESSER and CARRIE LEVY LESSER, are both native born American citizens. GILBERT LESSER received a Bachelor of Science degree from New York University and has been employed as an advertising agency man since his graduation from college. He served in the United States Army in this country from November 24, 1942 until receiving an honorable discharge January 19, 1946. At the present time, he is associate in the advertising firm of ARNOLD COHAN, Incorporated, 101 West 55th Street, New York City.

The records at the Board of Elections, Kings County, New York, reflect that MARCIA and GILBERT LESSER, 10 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, registered as members of the American Labor Party in 1947.

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Other records checked from which information set out above was obtained include Selective Service records, the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, birth and marriage records, New York County, Motor Vehicle registrations, Confidential Informant [redacted] The records of the Placement Office at Barnard College were furnished to SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE by Mrs. HOWARD STRATERMAN.

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Mr. and Mrs. LESSER were interviewed by SA's MARTIN F. CAREY and JOHN F. MALLEY on March 18, 1949.

MARCIA LESSER advised that she first met JUDITH COPLON in 1939 when they were freshmen at Barnard. She and COPLON became good friends and have maintained the friendship to this date. While at college, they saw each other frequently. Both were on the staff of the college paper. Their mutual friends included SHIRLEY ARONOW, FLORENCE FISHMAN, and CAROL COLLINS. Due to the fact that Mrs. LESSER lived in New Rochelle, she saw little of Miss COPLON except at college.

From 1943 to 1945, while Mrs. LESSER was employed as a teacher at Barnard, she met Miss COPLON occasionally for lunch, particularly during the summer of 1944 when Mrs. LESSER'S employment by the Army brought her to the downtown New York area.

Since 1945, when Miss COPLON went to Washington, D. C., Mrs. LESSER can count the number of times they have met. She recalls that she spent three days at Miss COPLON'S apartment in Washington, D. C. in June, 1945 when she went to Washington. They met again for dinner in New York City in April, 1946. In May, 1947, Miss COPLON attended a housewarming given by the LESSERS at their new home in Brooklyn. In May or June, 1948, Mrs. LESSER met Miss COPLON while shopping in Manhattan. On February 22, of this year, Miss COPLON visited at the LESSERS' home in Flushing.

Mrs. LESSER stated further that Miss COPLON usually telephoned on the occasion of her visits to New York City. Miss COPLON usually said that she could not come to Flushing because of other engagements.

Miss COPLON was described by Mrs. LESSER as "liberal" in her political views while they were undergraduates at Barnard. She explained this by saying that Miss COPLON generally supported the New Deal Program of President Roosevelt. Mrs. LESSER never detected any Communist sympathies on

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the part of Miss COPLON nor did she ever have occasion to question her complete loyalty to the United States. Mrs. LESSER said that since Miss COPLON went to work for the Department of Justice, she has never expressed any opinions on political issues. This represents a noticeable departure from her tendencies in college where she was quite outspoken and Mrs. LESSER attributed it to a reluctance on Miss COPLON'S part to discuss matters pertaining to the Government while she was an employee of the Department of Justice. Mrs. LESSER recalled that in October of 1948, Miss COPLON discussed with her over the telephone the possibility of her returning to New York City. At that time, Miss COPLON said that she was bored with her work and her life in Washington and was thinking of getting a job in New York City. They discussed at length the possible jobs available to her and Miss COPLON expressed regret that she was apparently not fitted for anything but Government employment unless she started at the bottom in some new field. Mrs. LESSER said that at that time, Miss COPLON planned to get an apartment in New York rather than live with her family if she returned to this city.

Mrs. LESSER questioned Miss COPLON further on this subject last February when Miss COPLON visited her in Flushing. Miss COPLON then explained that she had abandoned her intention of returning to New York because she did not think she would enjoy living in New York City any more than in Washington. She said that she had received a proposal of marriage which she had not accepted because she found that this man, as well as most of the men whom she had met, bored her. Miss COPLON said that she had been most happy during her visit to Europe in the summer of 1948 but she did not feel that she wanted to completely abandon the United States in order to live in Europe. During her visit to the LESSERS on February 22, Miss COPLON placed a long distance telephone call to Washington, D. C. and explained to Mrs. LESSER that it was a call to the man in Washington who wanted to marry her.

Mrs. LESSER does not know any of Miss COPLON'S friends except their mutual friends whom they met in college. She has heard Miss COPLON speak of KARMEL PRASKA, FRANCINE SALZMAN (now FRANCINE TEMKO), MARJORIE BENDER, and ETHEL WHITE as being in Washington. Mrs. LESSER recognizes these names as girls who were at Barnard with them. Mrs. LESSER has met Miss COPLON'S mother but is not well acquainted with Miss COPLON'S family. She volunteered the opinion that Miss COPLON had been unhappy living with her family because her mother constantly urged her to marry in accordance with the obligation of the Jewish faith.

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Mrs. LESSER concluded by stating that she had no knowledge whatsoever of the activity with which Miss COPLON is presently charged and was completely surprised to read about it in the newspaper. She considers Miss COPLON one of the most intelligent of all her friends and can offer no explanation as to why she should engage in such activities.

GILBERT R. LESSER advised upon interview that he knew of Miss COPLON only through his wife. He knows nothing of her activity or her views and has met her on only two occasions, those being in May, 1947 and February, 1949, both of which occasions were mentioned by Mrs. LESSER.

PAULINE and MILTON BRAVER
305 West 52nd Street
New York, New York

The names set out above which appeared in the address book of JUDITH COPLON have been identified as PAULINE HARGIN BRAVER and MILTON C. BRAVER.

PAULINE HARGIN BRAVER was born September 14, 1923 in New York City and has resided, with the exception of employment by the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. and Germany as mentioned below, in New York all her life. Her father, JACOB HARGIN, was born in Russia and her mother, HELEN PFEFFER HARGIN, was born in Austria. Both are naturalized citizens of the United States.

PAULINE HARGIN BRAVER attended New York public schools, graduating from Evander Childs High School, Bronx, New York, January, 1941. Following her graduation, she was employed as a secretary by the Chain Building Corporation which is controlled by her father. In November, 1941, she applied for a position as stenographer with the Bureau, but was advised that there were no positions open at that time.

PAULINE HARGIN BRAVER entered on duty May 22, 1942, as a stenographer for the Board of Economic Warfare with headquarters in New York City. In June, 1945, when the liquidation of that organization was imminent, she transferred to the Alien Property Section of the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. In February, 1946, she was one of the secretaries sent to Germany with the Alien Property Section of the Department of Justice. While in Germany, she did stenographic work for O. JOHN ROGGE on two or three

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occasions but was not assigned to work for him.

PAULINE HARGIN BRAVER returned to the United States from Germany in July, 1946 and immediately resigned from Government service in order to get married. She married MILTON C. BRAVER November 3, 1946. Following her marriage, she was employed as a secretary by Conrad and Smith, attorneys at law in New York City, until 1948. She is not employed at the present time. Since their marriage, the BRAVERS have lived on Long Island until they secured their present apartment in 1947. Mrs. BRAVER'S parents are living and reside at 245 East 207th Street, Bronx, where Mrs. BRAVER lived prior to her marriage.

MILTON C. BRAVER was born September 20, 1917 in New York City and has resided in the New York area all his life. His father, ABRAHAM BRAVER, deceased, and his mother ROSE BRAVER BRAVER, were both born in the United States.

MILTON C. BRAVER attended New York public schools and thereafter graduated from the Massachusetts College of Optometry in Boston, Massachusetts. He was employed in the optical business by M. E. TENDLER prior to the time he entered the United States Army in February, 1944. Following his discharge from the Army in February, 1946, he acquired his own optical business in partnership with his brother, GEORGE BRAVER, at 66 Franklin Avenue, Hempstead, Long Island, which is his present place of business.

Sources contacted for background information concerning Mr. and Mrs. BRAVER included the records of the Veterans Administration, Confidential Informants [redacted] the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, Selective Service, New York City, birth and marriage records, New York County, and the application for employment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation filed by PAULINE HARGIN. b7D

Mr. and Mrs. BRAVER were interviewed by SA's MARTIN F. CAREY and JOHN F. MALLEY on Thursday, March 17, 1949.

Mrs. BRAVER advised that she first met JUDITH COPLON approximately 1943 when Miss COPLON and several other Barnard graduates came to work for the Board of Economic Warfare. Mrs. BRAVER was then employed as a secretary and Miss COPLON as an analyst with the rating of expert. Mrs. BRAVER stated that the office was small and that all the girls became good friends.

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The girls whose names she could recall were: CHARLOTTE THURNHERR, SHIRLEY ARONOW, ELSIE FRIEMUS, VIRGINIA MERINO, IRENE HEBARD, SARA BECKER, HELEN SIEGEL, BIANCA ROETTI.

Misses ARONOW, FRIEMUS, SIEGEL, and ROETTI were Barnard graduates who came to work at the same time that Miss COPLON did. The men employed in this section whom Mrs. BRAVER could recall included ROBERT WOLFORTH, HYMAN RITCHIN, and ALEX SACHS. Mrs. BRAVER stated that this entire group was extremely friendly with one another but that her acquaintance with Miss COPLON during this period did not extend outside the office. Mrs. BRAVER said that her friendship with Miss COPLON continued in 1945 when both were transferred to Washington, D. C. In Washington, Mrs. BRAVER shared an apartment with Misses THURNHERR, MERINO, and HEBARD while Miss COPLON lived alone. During this period, Mrs. BRAVER and her roommates occasionally met Miss COPLON for lunch and visited in each other's apartment. In January, 1946, a going-away party was held for Mrs. BRAVER at Miss COPLON'S apartment. The people attending this party were the Department of Justice employees who had come to Washington from the Board of Economic Warfare Office in New York City.

Since Mrs. BRAVER'S departure for Germany in February, 1946, she has seen Miss COPLON briefly in July, 1946, following her return from Germany and once in New York in October, 1948. The last date was on the occasion of one of Miss COPLON'S visits to New York City during which Mrs. BRAVER and Miss COPLON attended a movie and spent sometime in Mrs. BRAVER'S apartment. Mrs. BRAVER has not seen Miss COPLON since that time although Miss COPLON has talked to her on the phone on one or two occasions.

Mrs. BRAVER stated that she has not seen enough of Miss COPLON to have any knowledge of her views or activities since 1945. As a result of their association prior to that time, Mrs. BRAVER has always considered Miss COPLON to be "politically conscious" with a keen interest in and knowledge of world affairs. She recalls that Miss COPLON was sympathetic towards Russia but no more than appeared normal in 1944 and 1945 when Russia was our wartime ally. Mrs. BRAVER never observed any tendencies towards Communism on the part of Miss COPLON now did she at any time have any occasion to question her loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. BRAVER further recalled that during the fall of 1948, Miss COPLON telephoned her and discussed the possibility of obtaining an apartment

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in New York City. Miss COPLON stated on this occasion that she was thinking of coming to New York to work. Mrs. BRAVER made certain suggestions to Miss COPLON regarding an apartment but she did not hear from Miss COPLON again and the matter was dropped. Mrs. BRAVER stated that she is not acquainted with Miss COPLON'S family nor does she know any of Miss COPLON'S friends except for their mutual friends mentioned above.

MILTON C. BRAVER advised that he has met Miss COPLON only once, that being on the occasion of the party in her apartment in Washington in January, 1946 mentioned by Mrs. BRAVER. He knows Miss COPLON only as a friend of his wife and has no knowledge regarding her activities or her views.

An examination was made by the writer of the personnel file of PAULINE HARGIN kept by the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice, New York City. There was nothing in the file except a notation that she received a salary increase in November of 1942 and was recommended for another salary increase July 25, 1944 at which time she had been with the Economic Warfare Section of the Department over two years. This file was made available to the writer by Confidential Informant T-1.

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MRS. MARJORIE NASH
50 Manhattan Avenue
New York, New York

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent THOMAS MENDENHALL, dated March 8, 1949, at Washington, D.C., wherein it was stated that ISMENE MICROUTSICOS had advised Washington agents that she believed Mrs. MARJORIE NASH had known COPLON in high school and continued their friendship at Barnard College. The name ERNEST NASH, 50 Manhattan Avenue, was contained in the personal address book of COPLON which was in her possession at the time she was arrested.

Special Agents Brewer, Wilson and Stephen A. Mc Garr interviewed MARJORIE NASH at her residence, 50 Manhattan Avenue, New York City. Mrs. NASH stated she was formerly known as MARJORIE BENDER. She married ERNEST NASH in July, 1943, at California. Regarding COPLON, she stated that she has known her since 1939 when they met at Barnard College. She stated that they became friends because both lived in Brooklyn, New York and traveled together to the school on the subway.

Mrs. NASH reported she was not too friendly with COPLON. She recalled that she visited COPLON maybe once or twice while they were at college. She stated they were both members of a society called The Menorah, a Jewish group at the college. NASH stated she belonged to no other organization in which COPLON was also a member.. She stated that upon graduation from Barnard in 1943 she did not see COPLON again until about 1945 when she met her in downtown Manhattan when NASH went one day to have lunch with a girl friend, SHIRLEY ARONOW, now SHIRLEY SAMIS.

At this luncheon SAMIS brought JUDITH COPLON with her. NASH stated they discussed old times. At this time NASH learned that COPLON was working for the Government somewhere on Broad Street. NASH stated the next time she met COPLON was during February, 1949. She stated that her husband, ERNEST NASH, was seeking employment in the Department of Justice and had visited Washington to confer with ISMENE MICROUTSICOS.

At this time Miss MICROUTSICOS advised NASH and his wife that COPLON was working in the Department of Justice in Washington. Thereafter, she stated, she had lunch with JUDY one day and went shopping with her. She stated she had no further contact with COPLON. NASH advised she had no knowledge of COPLON'S political beliefs or activities. She stated she never discussed politics with COPLON and their relationship was purely on a social basis.

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NASH stated she herself had no interest in politics during her college days or at the present. She stated she was very surprised when she heard on the radio that COPLON had been arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and could imagine no reason why COPLON would engage in any activities inimical to the United States.

BACKGROUND OF MARJORIE NASH

Mrs. NASH stated she was born in Brooklyn, New York on February 24, 1922, daughter of SIDNEY BENDER and GERTRUDE JAFFA. She alleged that her father, SIDNEY, died in 1939 and her mother is presently residing at 172 West 79th Street, New York City, and has not remarried. NASH stated that both parents were born in New York City. She has one brother, THEODORE BENDER, residing at Bristol, Tennessee.

NASH stated she attended Erasmus High School and Friends School, both in Brooklyn, until 1939 at which time she attended Barnard College. She graduated from Barnard in 1943 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Psychology. Subsequent to graduation NASH went to California where she married ERNEST NASH in July, 1943.

She stated she was employed at the American Crystal Sugar Refining Company, California, for about two and a half months during 1943 and from December, 1943 until February, 1944 she was employed by the Red Cross. This time she returned to New York City when her husband was serving overseas in the United States Army, Ordnance Division. She reported she had been employed thereafter by the French Colonial Supply Mission for about two months; by Ralph H. Miller, a ladies' wear chain store corporation, for about six months. Thereafter she was employed by the Coordinator for Ship Repair and Conversion, an agency of the United States Government, with offices at 11 Broadway, New York City, from March to December, 1945. She believed this agency was under the jurisdiction of the Maritime Commission.

Thereafter she was employed by the National Social Welfare Assembly from February, 1946 to August, 1946, at which time she retired from business and since has been a housewife. She has one child,

ERNEST NASH, husband, advised that he is an attorney employed by Kaye, Scholer, Fierman and Hays, Attorneys, 149 Broadway, New York City, engaged in general practice. NASH advised that he has applied for a position with the Veterans Administration, Claims Division of the Department of Justice and has also applied for a position in the Criminal Division of the Department.

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He stated he is friendly with ISMENE MICROUTSICOS, HAROLD KOFFSKY, NATHAN LENVIN and WILLIAM FOLEY, all employees of the Department of Justice. NASH alleged he has submitted full information regarding himself on Form 57. He stated that in conversation with ISMENE MICROUTSICOS he ascertained that JUDITH COPLON had been employed by the Department and that when he met her with his wife in February, 1949 this was the first time he had met her. He stated he had seen her subsequently on all visits to Washington when he was seeking advice in applying for a position with the Department.

He said that Wednesday before COPLON was arrested, which would be March 2, 1949, he stated he met COPLON and she advised him that she was going to New York that coming weekend.

MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCES OF NASH AND COPLON

NASH advised that she believed COPLON to be friendly with the following persons who were classmates at Barnard College:

FLORENCE MORSE, formerly FLORENCE FISHMAN
SIBYL HARLAM nee KOTKIN
CAROL PATRICK nee COLLINS
SHIRLEY SAMIS nee GRONOW.

NASH advised that she recalled BEATRICE KAPLAN but she had not been friendly with her. She does not recall HELEN SIEGEL. NASH advised that she knew of MARION DAVIS but does not recall anything concerning her at the present time. FRANCINE TENKO nee SALZMAN who resides at 2500 Q Street NW, Washington, D.C. and who is employed as an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, was also friendly with COPLON, according to NASH.

The indices of the New York Office contain no information on the names of MARJORIE BENDER, MARJORIE NASH or ERNEST NASH.

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MARY SOWCHUK nee MARY BOBROVICH
RFD #1
c/o Jones, Fishrock Road
Southberry, Connecticut

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent THOMAS MENDENHALL, dated March 8, 1949, at Washington, D.C., wherein it was stated the name and telephone number of MARY BOBROVICH was included in a personal telephone list maintained by JUDITH COPLON on her desk in the Department of Justice building, Washington, D.C.

It had been determined by the Washington Field Office that, according to State Department files, BOBROVICH'S home address was 74-04 Woodside Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island, New York.

Mrs. VIOLET BOBROVICH HULL, 74-04 Woodside Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island, New York, sister of MARY BOBROVICH, stated that the latter individual was married in November, 1948 and at present was residing with her husband, Mr. ALEXANDER SOWCHUK, in a house which was subleased at the address RFD #1, c/o Jones, Southberry, Connecticut.

Mrs. MARY SOWCHUK was interviewed at her home in Connecticut by Special Agents Stephen A. Mc Garr and Brewer Wilson. SOWCHUK advised that her husband, ALEXANDER SOWCHUK, is presently employed as an aircraft mechanic at the Sikorsky Aircraft Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut, telephone number Bridgeport 6-3531, Extension 308. It is noted that their sublease expires on March 31, 1949 and she did not know where they would reside after that date, although possibly they may obtain a furnished room in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Mrs. SOWCHUK stated that she had never met JUDITH COPLON personally. She does not know any of her friends and knows nothing of her background or political beliefs. She explained that her only contact with COPLON was by telephone while employed at the State Department in Washington, D.C. Mrs. SOWCHUK stated that she had been employed in the Biographic Analysis Section of the State Department from February, 1948 to November, 1948, at which time she resigned for the purpose of marriage. She stated that her supervisor in the State Department, JULIET LOHR, had told her that whenever she needed additional information of a biographic nature, concerning persons on whom she was preparing biographies for the State Department, that she should call a Mr. MORRIS in the Justice Department.

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Accordingly, she did call Mr. MORRIS on several occasions. However, during the summer of 1948 Mr. MORRIS went on a vacation at which time he advised Mrs. SOWCHUK to call Miss COPLON for any information needed. Subsequently Mr. MORRIS left the Justice Department and transferred to the State Department and accordingly, Mrs. SOWCHUK continued to contact COPLON for information which was needed by her. She remarked that she thought the subject's name was spelled COPELAND and did not realize the correct spelling until she read of her arrest in the papers recently.

In regard to the information requested of COPLON, SOWCHUK explained that this pertained to individuals who had formerly resided in the United States and any information pertaining to them whether they were citizens or not. SOWCHUK explained that many individuals had returned to their countries of birth and became prominent in their respective countries' political affairs.

This information was incorporated in the biographical summary which was supplied to the listening posts of the State Department. SOWCHUK stated that COPLON never hesitated to give any information when she could obtain it. SOWCHUK advised that although she received much information from COPLON regarding the persons under inquiry, COPLON never requested any information from her. When asked why she did not ask the information from other Government agencies, SOWCHUK replied that COPLON was always very cooperative and always seemed to come up with the information she desired.

BACKGROUND OF MARY SOWCHUK

Mrs. SOWCHUK advised that she was born September 7, 1913 at New York City of parents MICHAEL BOBROVICH and HELEN TUR BOBROVICH, both of whom were born in Vilna, Russia. Both of her parents were naturalized. Her father died in 1946 and her mother, who has not remarried, presently resides with Mrs. SOWCHUK'S sister, VIOLET HULL, at 74-04 Woodside Avenue, Elmhurst, New York.

She attended Hunter College from 1930 to 1934 and New York University Night School until 1944, attending the Graduate School for Training and Public Service. From 1937 until February 5, 1945 she was employed as Field Examiner by the National Labor Relations Board, New York City. From February 5, 1945 until the death of her father in July, 1946 she was employed by the National Labor Relations Board in Los Angeles.

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During the first part of the year 1946 she was employed by the Office of Price Administration in New York City and during the remainder of the year 1946 and until July, 1947 she was employed by the Department of Agriculture as an Investigator, it being noted that the OPA in 1946 had been taken over by the latter agency. Inasmuch as the project on which she was employed in the Department of Agriculture was terminated in July, 1947, she was unemployed until February, 1948, at which time she obtained a job as a biographic analyst in the State Department at Washington, D.C. She quit her job with the State Department on November 11, 1948 and was married on Thanksgiving Day in 1948.

There is no information in the New York files concerning MARY BOBROVICH, MARY SOWCHUK or ALEXANDER SOWCHUK.

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MRS. SHIRLEY G. SAMIS
188-45A 71st Street Crescent
Flushing, New York

It is noted that SHIRLEY G. SAMIS was a classmate of COPLON at Barnard College, had worked with COPLON at the Economic Warfare Section of the United States Department of Justice, New York City and was a personal friend of COPLON.

Mrs. S.MIS, who advised her maiden name was SHIRLEY GLADYS ARONOW, was interviewed at her home by Special Agents Edward F. McCarthy and Brewer Wilson. Mrs. S.MIS advised that she became acquainted with COPLON at Barnard College which she attended from 1939 to 1943. She explained she became quite close to COPLON inasmuch as she was the Business Manager of the Barnard school paper "Barnard Bulletin" and COPLON was a member of the staff of this paper. She remarked that she knew COPLON better after graduation from college inasmuch as several girls from Barnard, including herself, were employed in the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice, 30 Broad Street, New York City.

Concerning COPLON, Mrs. SAMIS advised that when she was in college COPLON was a "good liberal". In explanation of this charge she stated that COPLON was a "Roosevelt Democrat" and "New Deal Democrat". She said that COPLON had never indicated that she was a radical or a Communist and on the other hand was far from being a Republican.

Mrs. S.MIS advised that while she was at Barnard College there was no organization such as the Young Communist League on the campus and no organizations of a political nature. COPLON, like all other students at the college, contributed to Russian War Relief and Mrs. SAMIS said that this was sponsored by the college as well as war relief for other allied countries.

In this connection Mrs. SAMIS said that she recalled that COPLON'S family were apparently staunch Republicans as she recalled that COPLON had mentioned this to her and it was indicated to Mrs. S.MIS by COPLON that she had violent arguments with her family as she was a "liberal". Mrs. S.MIS stated that after her college days and while employed by the Economic Warfare Section that COPLON, if anything, developed toward conservatism in her political beliefs.

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She advised that the Economic Warfare Section was disbanded in June, 1945 at which time Mrs. SAMIS transferred to the Anti-Trust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, which was located also at 30 Broad Street, New York City. However, sometime prior to June, 1945 and to the best recollection of Mrs. SAMIS, it was in the early part of 1945 COPLON was transferred at her request to the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, in Washington, D.C. Mrs. SAMIS remarked that COPLON had requested the transfer inasmuch as she was dissatisfied in New York City.

Upon inquiry Mrs. SAMIS stated she thought COPLON'S dissatisfaction was due to her living conditions at home, resulting from the sickness of her parents. Also she remarked that it was the ambition of all of them to be employed in Washington as they had gone to New York City schools and had never been away from home.

Mrs. SAMIS advised that the last time she had seen COPLON was about February 19, 1949 when COPLON came to her apartment to spend the afternoon and had dinner with her and her husband. She remarked that COPLON, prior to this occasion, had never seen her daughter, who was a year old on March 14, 1949, and that this was the main reason for her visit on that date. Previous to this occasion she stated she had met COPLON downtown in New York City when she was pregnant and on this occasion they had lunch together as well as shopped.

Mrs. SAMIS advised that after COPLON went to Washington she only saw her approximately once in every three or four months when COPLON visited her parents in New York City. She remarked that her husband had met her only on two occasions, once being the middle of February, 1948 when COPLON visited at the apartment, and the other time when she had met COPLON while shopping, as described above.

Mrs. SAMIS stated that when she read of COPLON'S arrest she was very shocked and could not conceive of any motive on the subject's part for doing what she is alleged to have done. She stated that COPLON had never talked about her job in Washington and on one occasion when Mrs. SAMIS asked what her job there consisted of COPLON only remarked "Oh, just checking on foreign agents in this country" and refused to discuss her activities any further.

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Mrs. SAMIS recalled that before their graduation from Barnard in 1943 Mr. VOHLFORTH, who is head of the Economic Warfare Section in New York City, had written the Occupation Bureau at Barnard College and asked for girls to do research work in his agency. She stated that although his letter was referred mostly to girls who had been economic students at the college she had heard about the letter and inquired if she could also apply inasmuch as she was a history student and had written a thesis on American-German cartels. She advised that the following girls in her class, together with COPLON and herself, obtained jobs at the Economic Warfare Section:

ELSIE FRIEMUS
BEATRICE KAPLAN WALFISH
HELEN SIEGEL
FLORA BRIDGES.

She recalled that FLORA BRIDGES worked but for a short time with the agency and that BEATRICE KAPLAN WALFISH, who was the only one of the girls married, resigned to join her husband who was in the service on the West Coast, in the latter part of 1943 or early 1944. ELSIE FRIEMUS stayed on with the agency, transferred to the Anti-Trust Division and left the Anti-Trust Division when there was a reduction in force about April, 1946. She recalled that HELEN SIEGEL had resigned her job in order to attend law school.

Mrs. SAMIS explained that her contact with COPLON and the other girls mentioned was primarily of a business nature, their contact being restricted to office and lunch hours. She stated she did not know anything concerning COPLON'S social life and had never double-dated with her.

BACKGROUND OF MRS. SAMIS

Mrs. SAMIS advised that she was born March 31, 1924 at New York City of parents DAVID and RAE ARONOW, the former having been born in Russia and the latter in New York City. Both of her parents are still living and for the past twelve or fourteen years have resided at 666 West End Avenue, New York City.

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Mrs. SAMIS attended Public School #93, a junior high school located at 93rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, and the Julia RICHMAN High School from which she graduated in 1939. From 1939 to June, 1943 she attended Barnard College where she majored in history.

From 1943 to 1945 she was employed by the Economic Warfare Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, 30 Broad Street, New York City and due to the disbanding of the Economic Warfare Section she was transferred in June, 1945 to the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice, 30 Broad Street, where she was employed until April, 1946. She was not employed from April to October, 1946 when she secured a position with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as Assistant Economist in the Foreign Research Department. She continued this employment until February, 1947 when she resigned because of her impending marriage and in March, 1947 was married to Dr. SIDNEY M. SAMIS, who is presently employed as Assistant Director of the Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City.

Mrs. SAMIS stated that in 1937 she and her mother went by train to Los Angeles, California and returned to New York City by boat via the Panama Canal. She stated this was the only time she was outside of the boundaries of the United States with the exception of one or two occasions when she had taken a trip through Canada.

Mrs. SAMIS advised that although she did not definitely know, she had heard rumors for an estimated period of two or three months, prior to June, 1945, that the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice was to be disbanded.

Concerning herself, Mrs. SAMIS stated she is certainly not a "red-baiter". When asked what she meant she stated she does not want to see the United States at war with Russia and would like to see their differences ironed out. However, she added she could not submit any formula to accomplish this.

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SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE checked the records of Barnard College relative to SHIRLEY GLADYS ARONOW, which records contained information of a background nature, which for the most part has been set out in the interview of ARONOW. While in school she was engaged in the following extra-curricular activities:

Mortar Board, Poster Committee, Business Board of "Bulletin", Greek Games Dance, Circulation Editor of Mortar Board, and Advertising Editor of "Bulletin".

The Barnard Placement Service had the following employment relative to ARONOW:

June, 1943 to June 1945 - United States Department of Justice, War Division, Economic Warfare Section, where she was engaged in economic research on international cartels, German and American industry, which necessitated interviewing individuals, reporting and editing.

July, 1945 to April, 1946 - United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, where she was engaged in economic research and analyses relating to Antitrust violations and trade restraints. This necessitated industry survey, file searching, report writing, in preparation for trials.

October, 1946 to March, 1947 - Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Foreign Research Division, doing economic and financial research on Western Europe.

In the Spring of 1945 ARONOW attended the City College of New York taking an adult educational program for conversational Russian.

In May, 1946 ARONOW travelled in Cuba, Panama, and Mexico.

On March 16, 1947, ARONOW married Dr. SIDNEY M. SAMIS.

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Various references given by ARONOW to the Barnard Placement Service were LAWRENCE S. APSEY, Raytheon, Waltham, Massachusetts, formerly Chief, New York Antitrust Division; ROBERT WOHLFORTH, Department of Justice, New York, New York; CHRISTINA GRANT, Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania; T. P. PEARDON, Barnard College.

SA THOMAS J. McANDREWS ascertained the following information concerning the SAMISES from JACK McKENNA of the Fresh Meadow Development of the New York Life Insurance Company, 188-04 64th Avenue, Flushing, New York, which company owns the building in which the SAMISES reside.

Dr. SIDNEY MARTIN SAMIS and his wife, SHIRLEY ARONOW SAMIS, reside in the apartment at 188-45A 71st Crescent with their daughter, JILL ANN, one year of age. Dr. SAMIS is Assistant Director of Mt. Sinai Hospital, 5th Avenue and 100th Street, New York City, having been connected with the hospital for five months.

His banking connection is the Manufacturers Trust Company, 3408 Jerome Avenue, New York City.

Previous residences of Dr. SAMIS were 3411 Steuben Avenue, Bronx, New York; 310 West 106th Street, New York City; 161 East 91st Street, New York City, and 601 West Hoover Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan (while attending the University of Michigan). Dr. SAMIS was employed at the Montefiore Hospital, Gun Hill Road, Bronx, New York, from August, 1948 to October 15, 1948. It will be recalled that one of the telephone numbers in COPLON'S address book was listed to the Montefiore Hospital.

Dr. SAMIS was employed at the Union Health Center, 275 7th Avenue, New York City, under Dr. LEO PRICE from September 22, 1946, to July 31, 1948.

Confidential Informant ND 425 advised on December 23, 1947, that the financial monthly dues collection lists for the month of December, 1946 indicated that DAVID ARONOW, born 1887, paid dues to Lodge 600 of the IWO, which meets at 1723 Boston Road, Bronx, New York. It is not known whether this DAVID ARONOW is identical with SHIRLEY ARONOW SAMIS' father.

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LESTER M. LEVIN

It will be recalled that COPLON on the morning of March 5, 1949, called LEVIN and had him represent her before Judge RIFKIN on the above date. LEVIN asked for an extension of a few hours so that he could "get more competent counsel".

The Manhattan telephone directory lists LEVIN as residing at 524 East 87th Street, New York City, and his office at 39 Broadway.

The files of the New York Office reflect that LEVIN is on the active membership list of the National Lawyers Guild for 1941. As of August 31, 1940, he was paying dues to the Washington Book Shop Association. It was also indicated that he was a close friend of ALLAN S. ROSENBERG, a Washington attorney, who was a contact of several principals in a Soviet espionage case investigated by the Bureau.

The Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflected that LEVIN was in the United States Coast Guard as a Lieutenant and prior to that, was employed by the National Labor Relations Board in the Standard Oil Building, as a Regional Attorney having been appointed on January 6, 1936. Continuing, the credit report stated that he was associated with the firm, Wolf, Popper, Ross and Wolf, 160 Broadway, where his association commenced in January, 1946.

LEVIN'S wife was the former JANET WHITBREAD, who was formerly employed by the Department of Commerce and after that in the Office of War Information as a Soviet Information Specialist, having been appointed in September, 1942.

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DR. HAROLD M. PEPPARD
104 East 40th Street, New York City

The following investigation was conducted by SA Michael J. McDonagh.

The above name appeared in COPLON's address book

Immigration & Naturalization, New York City, had a file on HAROLD MacELHINNEY PEPPARD, who is identical with the above individual. PEPPARD was born October 3, 1899 in Central Onslow, Nova Scotia, Canada. His father was WILLIAM M. PEPPARD, and his mother ADA MacELHINNEY. He arrived in the U. S., October 31, 1917, by train at Portal, North Dakota, and was destined to a sister, Mrs. ETHEL P. HOBBS, Detroit, Michigan.

PEPPARD filed Petition for Naturalization #255731 in the U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and was naturalized March 16, 1936. His witnesses were ETHEL P. HOBBS, nurse, 22 East 38th Street, New York City, and HESTER STEWART, housewife, Heathcote Road, Locustwood Estate, Belmont, New York.

PEPPARD had the following residences: 1917-20, Detroit; May, 1920 to May, 1925, Chicago; June, 1925 to September, 1927, New York City; September, 1927, to March, 1936, New Rochelle, New York. His occupation was given as osteopath. His wife was CAROL STEWART, born December 1, 1906, New York City. They were married September 16, 1927, at New York City. As of December, 1935, PEPPARD was living at 1 Beaufort Place, New Rochelle, New York.

The CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK had the following information concerning PEPPARD: He was registered as an osteopath with the New York State Registry of Osteopaths and Physicians, 1944. He is not a medical doctor. Inquiries conducted at various medical and osteopathic societies in New York indicated that he had been an ethical practitioner and there was no record of disciplinary proceedings.

The report stated he was married to a BERNICE PEPPARD, and from the report, it is possible that BERNICE is his second wife. The report indicated that PEPPARD's wife was an excessive user of intoxicants, and was characterized by some individuals as a dipsomaniac.

PEPPARD has maintained an office for practice of his profession at 104 East 40th Street, New York City, since 1937, and is associated with Dr. WILLIAM G. RICHMOND. They occupy the fifth floor at the above address.

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Inquiries in the vicinity of the office show that he was well regarded, and that he is author of a book entitled: "Sight Without Glasses".

PEPPARD and his wife have been residing at 220 Madison Avenue, New York City in apartment 33 since October 1, 1941. His loyalty as a citizen has never been questioned, and he has never been identified with any un-American or subversive activities according to the current investigation.

The records of the Marriage Bureau of Manhattan, New York, indicated HAROLD M. PEPPARD, 27, and CAROL STEWART, 21, were married in New York City, December 16, 1927. His address was 71 Park Avenue, New York City. CAROL STEWART's address was 2 North Street, Stamford, Connecticut. Her parents were FREDERICK and HESTER STEWART, both born in the United States. Witnesses to the marriage were MILLARD WEBB and MILDRED WEBB, 11 East 29th Street, New York City. The remainder of the information concerning PEPPARD has already been set out.

The records of Local Selective Service Board 20, New York City reflected PEPPARD registered from 220 Madison Avenue, New York City on February 15, 1942. He attended Chicago College for five years. He operates a 250 acre dairy farm.

The election records of Manhattan reflect PEPPARD registered in 1940 as being affiliated with one of the major political parties.

JOY GAIL RAYWID

The above name appeared in COPLON's address book.

SA Francis W. Zangle checked the records of Barnard College, New York, New York, which reflected that RAYWID was a member of the June, 1943 graduation class, of which COPLON was also a member. The following information was obtained from the Barnard records.

RAYWID was born May 26, 1922, East Orange, New Jersey. Her parents were JOSEPH RAYWID, born in Russia, and EVE WOLF RAYWID, born in New York City. She indicated her father possessed a B. I. Degree, and was an actuary statistician. Her mother possessed a B. S. Degree and taught at Hunter College. Her addresses while in school were 309 Grove Road, East Orange, New Jersey as of October, 1940; 277 West End Avenue, New York as of October, 1941, and 222 West 72nd Street, New York, as of October, 1942.

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She was an economics major. While in school, her extra-curricular activity was listed as "The Bulletin" secretary (of which COPLON was editor), and work on Radio Station CURC.

Her employment after leaving the school was reflected by the Placement Service of Barnard College, as follows: June, 1943 to January, 1944, U. S. Treasury Department as assistant editor of Treasury Bulletins; January, 1944 to December, 1945, National War Labor Board as economist in Wage Stabilization Division; February, 1946 to (?) as employed in apprentice training service of the Labor Department, Washington, D. C., as a standards analyst. There was an indication that RAYWID was looking for a job in New York.

References given to the Placement Service were Mr. ARTHUR SIMON, 247 Park Avenue, New York, and DANIEL STARCH and staff (business research), 420 Lexington Avenue, New York. Her last address in the Barnard records was 30 Plattsburg Court, N. Y., Washington 16, D. C.

MRS. STANLEY L. TEMKO,
nee Francine M. Salzman

Miss TEMKO's name appeared in COPLON's address book.

The records of Barnard College reflect that Mrs. TEMKO was in COPLON's class until 1942, at which time she transferred to Columbia Law School and thereafter received a LL. B. Degree in February, 1945. While in Barnard, she was a Government major.

She was born in May, 1923, New York City. Her father was HARRY SALZMAN, born in New York City, an electrical contractor, and her mother BELLE SALZMAN, born in New York City.

Mrs. TEMKO was a member of the Mortar Board, on the executive committee of the Roosevelt Club, and on the social committee of the College while at Barnard. Her address as of October, 1939, was 145 East 49th Street, New York City, and as of July, 1947, 255 West 23rd Street, New York City. She married STANLEY L. TEMKO, attorney, March 4, 1944, and their last address was 2500 Q Street, N. W., Washington 7, D. C. Mrs. TEMKO's employment was given as follows: As of March, 1945, she was with HUGHES, HUBBARD & EWING, a law firm; as of January, 1948, she was in the Legal Department of the Office of Solicitor, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

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HELEN SIEGEL,
404 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York

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Miss SIEGEL was a classmate of COPLON's at Barnard, worked with her at the EMS, and has continued the friendship with COPLON after the latter was transferred to Washington, D. C.

SA Zangle obtained the following information from the records of Barnard College concerning SIEGEL:

She attended Barnard College in 1942-43, and received an A.B. Degree. She had transferred to Barnard from Hunter College, New York City, and prior to that, had attended Walton High School, New York City. SIEGEL was a Government major, and engaged in no extra-curricular activity while in college. Her father was LOUIS SIEGEL, born in New York City, and possessed LL.B. and LL.M. Degrees. He was currently employed as a Certified Public Accountant. Her mother was ELLEN SIEGEL, born in New York City. While at Barnard, HELEN resided at 404 Riverside Drive.

SIEGEL's employment record since leaving Barnard was as follows: September, 1943 to September, 1944, Department of Justice, as research assistant in cartel studies; September, 1944 to August, 1945, "Newark Star Ledger" as reporter. SIEGEL's references were ROBERT KOHLFORTH, Department of Justice, 30 Broad Street, New York City and JOHN MCCOLLOCH, "Newark Star Ledger", Newark, New Jersey. SIEGEL's additional education was as follows: January, 1943 to June, 1944, courses in economic theory in New School of Social Research; September, 1945 to February, 1948, attended Columbia Law School, receiving LL. B. Degree.

The reporting Agent examined the personnel file on SIEGEL maintained by the Anti-Trust Division in New York, but there was no additional information contained in the file that has not previously been reported except that SIEGEL applied for a position with the Anti-Trust Division of the Department around April, 1948. A memo in SIEGEL's file dated April 8, 1948, from GUY R. HILL, Department of Justice to J. FRANCIS HAYDEN, Department of Justice, New York City, referred to possible employment of SIEGEL for "economic research in connection with the investment bank case". Mr. HILL discouraged such employment of SIEGEL, stating because she had been trained in law, it would be inadvisable to hire her for a position where she would be under supervision of an economist.

By letter dated January 31, 1949, the Washington Field Office advised that records of the U. S. Civil Service Commission,

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Washington, D. C., reflected that HELEN SIEGEL was employed by the U. S. Department of Justice from July 12, 1943 to July 19, 1944.

By letter dated February 2, 1949, the Bureau summarized the information obtained from SIEGEL's personnel file maintained by the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. The only information contained therein, which has not been previously reported, was that she had an uncle Dr. H. H. STORCH, who is head of the Physicists Laboratory, Bureau of Mines, Pittsburgh;

On March 18, 1949, HELEN SIEGEL was interviewed by SA John R. Murphy and the reporting Agent at the New York Office. Miss SIEGEL stated she did not associate with JUDITH COPLON while the two were in attendance at Barnard College since she SIEGEL had attended Hunter College for three years, and was at Barnard only one year, so that when SIEGEL arrived at Barnard, COPLON probably had established a group of friends.

SIEGEL stated her only recollection of COPLON during college was that COPLON was editor of "The Bulletin", and further, upon graduation, graduated cum laude, whereas SIEGEL was graduated summa cum laude.

SIEGEL stated she first became closely acquainted with COPLON when the two began working at the EWS, War Division of the Department of Justice, New York City. SIEGEL stated a representative of the EWS had come to the Barnard Placement Service in an attempt to obtain female applicants for positions with their section in New York City. SIEGEL stated she recalled five girls were supposed to have been sent down by the college, with the understanding that the Department would retain the most capable three. SIEGEL stated as it turned out, the Department retained all five, who were BEATRICE WALFISH, SHIRLEY ARONOW, ELSIE FRIEMUS, JUDITH COPLON, and herself. SIEGEL stated one other girl had come down, whose first name was FLORA, but she could not recall FLORA's last name, and whether FLORA was in the class which graduated in June, 1943.

SIEGEL stated the above five mentioned girls were all hired at about the same time, which was around July 1, 1943, and that they were fairly close together during the time they were employed.

SIEGEL stated they did nearly all the same type of work, which consisted of detailed studies of economic conditions in various countries for the purpose of aiding the economic phase of the war effort. She stated on occasions, they would interview foreigners or Americans who had recently returned from the countries or zones of interest for the purpose

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of eliciting from them information relative to economic aspects of particular localities.

SIEGEL stated during the time she was employed at EWS, the above girls had numerous political discussions, but she was unable to recall any statements made by any of them which would cause her to suspect them or being Communistic or subversive. She stated naturally there were statements critical of certain stands the U. S. took during the war, and gave as an example, one of them might have advocated a second front, but that she SIEGEL did not see anything "red" about that.

SIEGEL stated that her relationship with COPLON outside of working house was very limited inasmuch as COPLON was more or less of an individualist. SIEGEL stated she had never "double-dated" with COPLON and never did know the names of any of COPLON's boy friends.

SIEGEL stated that COPLON was one of the more able and industrious workers of the female employees in the EWS office, and in connection with their work, SIEGEL stated they frequently used FBI reports. When asked to describe these reports, SIEGEL was only able to state they were on onion-skin papers and dealt with individuals who had been investigated because of foreign residence. The nearest the interviewing Agents could ascertain was that the reports were probably submitted in connection with Alien Enemies or possibly Foreign Travel Control, inasmuch as SIEGEL stated some of the reports were quite lengthy. SIEGEL stated these reports had come to the EWS through regular channels.

SIEGEL stated COPLON was very security-conscious about her work at EWS, and on several occasions while they were dining together in restaurants, COPLON cautioned SIEGEL against mentioning names involved in their investigations.

SIEGEL said that COPLON had a very good knowledge of French, which she used in connection with the work, and to the best of her knowledge, COPLON had never studied nor could she speak Russian. SIEGEL stated she did recall, however, on one occasion, COPLON was carrying around a "Russian self-taught" type of book.

SIEGEL stated she left the EWS about June, 1944, and went with the "Newark Star Ledger" as a reporter. SIEGEL stated at the time she left, COPLON had formed no new close friendships in the office. SIEGEL stated she saw COPLON only occasionally after she, SIEGEL, got the job in Newark.

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SIEGEL stated there were several considerations involved in COPLON's desire to get transferred to Washington, D. C. in the latter part of 1944. SIEGEL stated COPLON had advised SIEGEL of these considerations on the occasions when the two would see each other. SIEGEL said there were several men employed in the EWS Office who resented the employment of women in the office as experts or economists. SIEGEL stated these men would do small things which would make it unpleasant for the girls, and stated the only man of this group she could recall was SAMUEL ISSEKS, who was at one time chief of the section.

SIEGEL stated that COPLON's second reason or consideration for wishing for a transfer to Washington, was that it would be a promotion. SIEGEL also stated COPLON was a young girl out of college and could not live in New York City unless she lived with her family, and therefore could not have her own apartment.

SIEGEL stated in her opinion the individuals who were helpful in securing COPLON's transfer were ROBERT WOHLFORTH of New York City, SIMS CARTER, and a man named LEVY in the Department at Washington, D.C.

SIEGEL stated after COPLON's transfer to Washington, D.C., she did not see SIEGEL until about six months after such transfer. After that, the two would see each other, always in New York City, about three or four times a year, although COPLON would generally call SIEGEL on the telephone when she was in New York.

SIEGEL stated that about the latter part of 1947 or in the early part of 1948, COPLON began making more or less regular trips to New York, and as a result, SIEGEL saw her more frequently. SIEGEL stated that shortly after COPLON got back from Europe, which was in the late summer of 1948, COPLON advised SIEGEL she would start coming to New York regularly and would be able to see SIEGEL more frequently than three or four times a year. COPLON did not offer any explanation to SIEGEL as to the reason for these regular visits to New York, but said that her mother had recently gotten sick, and COPLON's being at home to care for her father, who was also sick, would enable her mother to get out of the house more often. SIEGEL stated that COPLON appeared to be very attached to her mother, father and brother, and that she, therefore, attached no suspicions to COPLON's making regular trips to New York.

SIEGEL stated that since COPLON was transferred to Washington, there has been little or no discussion between the two relative to the nature of COPLON's work. Sometime after COPLON's transfer, the

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latter did tell SIEGEL her work was confidential, at which time SIEGEL wanted to know what was confidential about the work in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice. COPLON answered this by simply stating that there was a certain aspect of the work which was confidential and then changed the subject, and there was no further discussion of the nature of COPLON's duties or the type of work she handled.

SIEGEL stated during the past year, COPLON talked quite seriously about quitting her job with the Department and obtaining a non-government position at about the same salary. She asked SIEGEL about what type of work she should attempt to secure, and SIEGEL offered her several suggestions such as reporting or writing articles, but then decided that COPLON's educational qualifications were not sufficient to obtain a position which would secure the remuneration she is presently obtaining.

SIEGEL was questioned concerning COPLON's trip to Europe in 1948. SIEGEL said she was quite surprised when COPLON decided to stay for a somewhat extended period in Europe, and asked COPLON at the time whether she had the money to finance such a trip. COPLON said she had, and this answer did not surprise SIEGEL since COPLON always lived very frugally and did not spend much money on clothes or entertainment. Then, too, SIEGEL explained, the majority of the time COPLON was in Europe, she stayed with a friend in Paris, and, therefore, did not have to pay hotel bills. SIEGEL could not recall the name of this friend. SIEGEL stated COPLON went to Europe by plane, leaving from LaGuardia Field, and that she, SIEGEL, was the only one to see her off. SIEGEL remarked that COPLON went to Europe with a very small over-night bag, which made it appear as though she were going to spend a weekend instead of a month. SIEGEL stated she knew very little about COPLON's financial condition, except that she believed COPLON to be making between four and five thousand dollars per annum for the past several years.

SIEGEL stated that about a week before Inauguration Day, COPLON telephoned her, and the two made a date for Thursday night, January 20, for dinner. They met at SIEGEL's office building, 120 Broadway, and immediately had dinner. After dinner, SIEGEL stated she had to go back to the office, and that COPLON presumably went home. SIEGEL later changed her mind, and said she did not return to the office but took her work home in a brief case upon deciding to do the work there. SIEGEL stated the only thing she could remember that they discussed that evening was the play "Hamlet".

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Except for the above individuals, SIEGEL could name only two associates of COPLON. These were Mrs. MARTIN RAFF, nee MIRIAM GORE, who resides in New Haven; and BERNARD MORRIS, a friend of MIRIAM's, and who was introduced to COPLON by MIRIAM. SIEGEL stated MIRIAM was a Barnard girl, and had been introduced to COPLON by SIEGEL.

The only significant remark made by SIEGEL during the interview was near the close of the interview, at which time SIEGEL wanted to know if anyone else were involved with COPLON in the subversive activities with which she is charged. SIEGEL was advised that the Agents would not disclose this to her, whereupon SIEGEL stated, upon knowing COPLON, she felt sure no one else was involved since COPLON had always been an individualist, and, therefore, if she were guilty of committing espionage, she certainly would not engage in such activity with other individuals.

During the interview, SIEGEL was asked whether she or COPLON were acquainted with MARION DAVIS, who it will be recalled was in the same graduation class with COPLON and SIEGEL. SIEGEL stated she did not know MARION DAVIS. The name MARION DAVIS was given to SIEGEL along with numerous other names of Barnard graduates.

SIEGEL gave Agents background information concerning herself, all of which has previously been reported. She did state, however, that LOUIS and ELLEN SIEGEL are her actual parents. She is presently employed as an attorney by EDWARD RAGER, whom she described as a "staunch Republican" and a New York City Councilman.

BEATRICE KAPLAN WALFISH

The above individual attended Barnard College with COPLON, and after graduation in June, 1943, worked with COPLON at the EWS.

The registration card on WALFISH at Barnard College reflects that she entered the college as BEATRICE KAPLAN, daughter of MAX and BERTHA KAPLAN. She was born June 28, 1922. She is presently Mrs. ABRAHAM S. WALFISH.

The reporting Agent examined the personnel file of WALFISH maintained by the Department at New York, made available by Confidential Informant T-1. WALFISH's original application was not contained in the file. A memorandum dated June 9, 1943, by WOHLFORTH recommended WALFISH as a research assistant, at which time WALFISH resided at 605 West 112th Street, New York City, telephone UNiversity 4-6101. WALFISH stated she graduated from Barnard College in the past week, where she majored in public administration, economics and statistics. She stated that she, WALFISH,

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did volunteer work for the National Child Labor Committee, which entailed considerable research and file examinations of the various pressure groups that work against the Child Labor Amendment. She was also on the editorial board of the "Barnard Bulletin".

The file also contained a handwritten letter dated 6/13/43 from WALFISH to WOHLFORTH which thanked him for "clearing up a situation that troubled her a little". She said that now since she knows how long it would take for her to be cleared for an appointment, she would be glad to wait. She said since the last time she saw WOHLFORTH, she had been reading a good deal about cartels in "Patents for Pitler", and "Germany's Master Plan".

By letter dated June 24, 1948, WOHLFORTH advised WALFISH to report for duty June 28, 1943, and to see Mr. BURSLE (probably NORMAN BURSLE). A letter dated November 19, 1943, from SIMS CARTER to WOHLFORTH suggested WALFISH write a letter of resignation, stating she desired to resign effective November 27, 1943.

The file reflected WALFISH's resignation was effective December 2, 1943, at which time her address was 20 Park East, Mount Vernon, New York. As of 2/16/44, her address was 646-D Second Street, Hayward, California.

The last serial in the file was a handwritten letter from WALFISH in Hayward, California, dated February 22, 1944, from the above address. The letter was addressed to Mr. WOHLFORTH and said, "Just to keep the record straight, I did not take that job with OWI after all, the offer was tempting". WALFISH stated she presently had a job with the "Hayward Review", a newspaper. WALFISH said "We get PM out here where the most liberal paper seems to be the 'San Francisco Chronicle' (I leave the 'Hayward Review' strictly out of this discussion. Its political complexion is absolutely nil.) PM's stories on what is obviously the work of the Economic Warfare Section (did you see the one on PHILIPS?) make me very proud to have once worked with you - and a little nostalgic too. . ."

VIRGINIA MARIA MARINO

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that MARINO got particularly friendly with COPLON while employed at EWS.

The reporting Agent examined the Department personnel file in New York on MARINO and obtained the following information concerning her employment and her background, the latter information coming from her application, which was not dated or signed.

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MARINO joined the New York Office of EWS on February 29, 1944, having been transferred from the Anti-Trust Division. She analyzed statistical and economic material, made investigations, contacted sources of information and had several assignments on matters relating to French industry and banking. She also did extensive work on the subject of Swiss banking. She understood French.

She was born May 23, 1918, New York City. Her mother was LOUISA MARINO. Her father's name was not set out. She resided at 4345 Matilda Avenue, Bronx, New York. She had a sister GILDA R. MARINO, same address, who at that time was employed in the Ordnance Division of the War Department. She attended New York City elementary schools from September, 1925 to June, 1933. From September, 1933 to June, 1937, she attended Walton High School, Bronx, New York, and from September, 1937 to June, 1941, she attended Hunter College, New York City, and majored in French.

From December, 1941 until the time she came with the Department, she worked as a stenographer and typist, and did French translations for LANGNER, PARRY, CORD and LANGNER. There was a notation in the file that MARINO worked at one time with NORMAN BURSNER and ALEXANDER SACHS on several matters in the Anti-Trust Division.

~~P~~ IRENE HEBARD

The above name was contained in COPLON's address book.

The writer examined HEBARD's personnel file maintained by the Department in New York City, which reflected she was employed as a stenographer on November 8, 1944.

From her personal information form dated November 9, 1944, the following background information was obtained:

At that time she resided at 400 Riverside Drive, New York City. She was born May 30, 1915 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her parents were CHARLES HEBARD, born in Minnesota, and ELIZABETH B. LAWRENCE (maiden name), born in New York. IRENE was single at the time of executing the above form.

Relative to her education, HEBARD attended Florham Park Public Schools, Florham Park, New Jersey, 1920-27; Madison High School, Madison, New Jersey, 1927-31; State Teachers College, Montclair, New Jersey,

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1931-36, receiving a B. A. degree, and a M. A. degree in 1940; Ecole Normale, Aix-en-Provence, France, 1934-35, studying literature; Delehanty Institute, 120 West 42nd Street, New York City, 1943-44, studying typing, stenography and bookkeeping. She could read French, but could not speak it fluently.

Her employment was given as follows: 1936-44, Board of Education, Palisades Park, New Jersey, as teacher, leaving because of "deterioration of school system"; July to August, 1944, Wyndham Hotel, West 58th Street, New York City as elevator operator, leaving because of her physical condition; October, 1944, Dr. MARIAN NEWCOMER, 47 West 56th Street, New York City, as secretary-typist, and left for personal reasons.

HEBARD stated "I am deeply interested in international cooperation and want to learn more about economics". There was a notation in HEBARD's file that she was referred to the EWS by the Civil Service Commission as a stenographer.

Φ
ELSIE FRIEMUS

FRIEMUS was a fellow-employee of COPLON at the EWS, and according to Confidential Informant T-1, was quite close to COPLON and shared her political views.

The writer examined the Department's personnel file maintained on FRIEMUS in New York City, which contained very little background information on her. She was born August 4, 1921 at Brooklyn, New York. Her parents were JOHN FRIEMUS, born in Russia, and FREIDA ALDER, born in Switzerland, the latter not being a citizen as of June 19, 1943.

FRIEMUS was employed by the Department from June 5, 1943 to April 15, 1946.

Φ
PAULINE SLAVIN

The above individual's name appeared in COPLON's address book.

By letter dated February 14, 1949, the Washington Field Office advised that an informant of that office overheard a conversation between SLAVIN and COPLON, at which time the two were trying to make a date in New York for the weekend of February 18, 1949. PAULINE indicated she

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had a book for COPLON, and that she "had had it ever since". COPLON replied, "That is okay. I have the thing for you". The Washington Field advised that SLAVIN resided in New York City at the Cornish Arms Hotel, 311 West 23rd Street, Room 626.

The reporting Agent ascertained from Mr. FRANK H. WIXSON, manager, Cornish Arms Hotel, that SLAVIN had registered at the instant hotel on February 6, 1949 under the name of PAULINE SLAVIN of 2027 Park Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. She gave her business connection as "Federal Security Agency". She had three pieces of luggage when she checked in, was given Room 626, at a weekly rate of \$18.00.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ On February 17, 1949, Confidential Informant T-2 made available the possessions of SLAVIN in Room 626 of the Cornish Arms Hotel, New York City. Among her possessions was an alphabetized address book containing the following names: (C) (U)

APTA
1790 Broadway,
New York City
This is an abbreviation for the AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION.

(C) (U)
AUERBACH
285 Avenue C,
New York City
GR 7-3683
The Manhattan Telephone Book lists WILLIAM AUERBACH, an attorney, residing at the above address, with an office at 111 Eighth Avenue, CHelsea 3-3372. (C) (U)

J. BENEDICT - BROWN
436 West 20th Street
New York City
AL 5-1594
The telephone directory lists Mrs. JEAN BENEDICT at the above address.

S. BRONSKY
735 Skeeler Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

S. BARISH (Barish)
1688 Broadway,
San Francisco, California

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E. BARISH

2144 78th Street

Jackson Heights, Long Island

AS 8-7945

EMIL Z. BARISH is listed in the telephone directory at the above address. (U)

In April, 1947, Confidential Informant ND 301 advised that he saw a list of the clubs and sections of the Queens County, Communist Party, upon which there appeared names of individuals listed opposite the clubs. He stated the names listed were current presidents of the clubs. The name EMIL ZOLA BARISH was listed opposite the North Shore Section, Garden Bay Club of the Communist Party. As of 2/9/47, BARISH was a mechanical engineer resided at 2144 78th Street, Jackson Heights, New York, at that time he was employed by the INDUSTRIAL PROCESS ENGINEERS, 5204 Hudson Avenue, West New York, New Jersey.

Confidential Informant [] furnished information to the effect that on August 14, 1944, an engineering partnership was formed under the name of A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES, with offices at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City. The partners were ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, EMIL Z. BARISH, JULES KORCHIEN, GERHART WALLAN, and OSCAR J. VAGO. Both BROTHMAN and KORCHIEN were investigated by the Bureau as possible Soviet Agents.

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Confidential Informant T-3 advised that in about May, 1940, JACOB GOLOS, known Soviet agent, now deceased, introduced her to ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, who at that time resided in Nassau County, New York, and was employed at the REPUBLICAN STEEL COMPANY as an engineer. Informant recalled that from the early summer of 1940 until sometime in the fall of 1940, she met BROTHMAN approximately ten times to obtain blueprints from him for GOLOS.

N. BARISH

2761 Bronxwood Avenue

Bronx, New York

S. C. BLOOME

320 East 92nd Street

New York City

SA 2-9048

The above telephone is listed to Mrs. JOSEPH BLOOME, registered nurse.

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S. BIRISH
30 Hamilton Place
New York City,
WA 6-9040

BVNA
138 South Oxford Street
Brooklyn, New York
ST 3-7420

The above phone is listed to the Brooklyn Visiting
Nurses Association.

P. CHAMBERLAIN
140 West 142nd Street
New York City
WA 7-2990
ALTER CARE CLINIC

C. CLAYTON
17 Grove Street,
New York City

S. COHEN
320 Ward Avenue
Norfolk 7, Virginia

F. COLEMAN
102 Quincy Street
Brooklyn, New York
ST 3-6056

The above telephone number is listed to FRANCES COLEMAN,
registered nurse.

F. DORFLER
1157 Bundy Drive
Los Angeles 24, California

J. DILLOFF
25 Fort Washington Avenue
New York City WA 8-4322
The above is listed to JULIUS DILLOFF.

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H. EBERSMAN

Tate Avenue

Piermont, New York

Piermont 33R (WO 4-2100, Ext. 5519)

L. EISNER

111 S. Allen Street

Apartment 54

State College, Pennsylvania

M. EISNER

5504 16th Avenue

Brooklyn, New York

GE 5-9008

E. EISNER

8245 Kimbal Avenue

Chicago, Illinois

S. FRANKEL

128 Fort Washington Avenue

New York City

WA 7-0205

The above is listed to Dr. SAMUEL FRANKEL.

E.L. FARBER

1455 55th Street

Brooklyn, New York

GE 5-3628

The above is listed to EUGENE L. FARBER

N. LEATHER

1610 Winona Boulevard

Los Angeles, California

P. HERMLNN

621 North Poinsettia Place

Los Angeles 36, California

WH 4856

BERYL HARRIGAN

1594 Third Avenue

New York City

LE 4-1713

The above is listed to BERYL J. HARRIGAN.

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H. JACOBS
1784 Undercliff Avenue
Bronx, New York
TR 8-8053

The above is listed to HERBERT M. JACOBS

F. KROVITZ
1601 Lake Avenue
Duluth, Minnesota

M. KERR
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia

P. MONDY
6523 Vinervale Avenue
Bell, California
LO 2842

A. MENYUK
53 West 11th Street
New York 11, New York
OR 4-7417
The above is listed to H. MENYUK.

E.A. ROSEN
612 Second Avenue
New York City
MU 6-6071
The above is listed to JULIUS ROSEN.

M. J. STOLLER
37 Alleghany Road
Hampton, Virginia

N. SHAFFIER
15406 Fayesmith Street
Gardena, California
Hawthorne 2-064M

J. STOVER
435 North Formosa Avenue
Los Angeles 36, California
YO 2953

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Q J. SCHENKMAN
1197 Anderson Avenue,
Bronx, New York
JE 8-6354.

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C The above is listed to IDA SCHENKMAN, registered nurse.
On October 20, 1947, Confidential Informant [] advised
the name of IDA SCHENKMAN, 1135 Anderson Avenue, Bronx,
New York, appeared on a list of names believed by the
Informant to be contacts of the Communist Party in connection
with renewals of subscriptions to the "Daily Worker".

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Q C. SLATER
159 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, New York
Main 2-3014 (Main 2-3931)
The above is listed to CHARLOTTE SLATER.

Q R. SPENCINER
190 Wilson Street
Brooklyn, New York
EV 7-3854
The above is listed to JOSEPH J. SPENCINER.

Q R. STOLOFF
589 East 22nd Street
Brooklyn, New York
UL 9-1128

Q J. STEINGLASS
54 Audubon Avenue,
New York City, apartment 3-D
WA 8-6882

Q M. D. SLONIM
55 Wild Cliff Drive
New Rochelle, New York
New Rochelle 2-4738

Q JEAN SCHWARTZ
381 East 61st Street
New York City
TE 8-8868

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Ø RUTH SCHWARTZ
717 Longshore Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Fidelity 2-2199 - Store WA 2-9622

P. SLAVIN
2027 Park Road, N. W.
Washington, D. C.
North 1686
Cornish Arms Hotel

Ø H. TRITT
340 East 184th Street
Bronx 57, New York

Ø E. VAZQUEZ
328 Hancock Street
Brooklyn, New York

Ø B. WEISS
1525 50th Street
Brooklyn, New York
GE 6-1736

The above is listed to BENJAMIN WEISS

Ø N. WEISS
83 Vermilyea Avenue,
New York City
LO 7-1248 - 1/16 \$106
The above is listed to NATHANIEL WEISS

Ø D. T. WEISS
1014 Park Place
Brooklyn, New York
SL 6-4257
The above is listed to DAVID T. WEISS

Ø M. WEISS
523 Main Street
Poughkeepsie, New York

Ø P. A. WEISMAN
237 Park Drive
Boston, Massachusetts
CO 7-2322

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E. WOLFE
 86 Montebello Road
 Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts
 JA 4-7631

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H. WEININGER
 165 West 197th Street
 Bronx, New York
 KI 6-0948

The above is listed to HENRY WEININGER

D. WEININGER
 EN 2-7647

F. ZOLDBROD
 424 East 24th Street
 New York City
 GR 5-6188

The above is listed to FANNY ZOLDBROD

In addition to the above address book, there was found a business card of ABRAHAM CHAPMAN, editor, "Fraternal Outlook", 80 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York, ALgonquin 4-7733. In pencil on the card was the notation "around February 7 - 10 or 15". Below the ALgonquin number mentioned above, in pencil, was the telephone number ORchard 5-5700. This individual is identical with the individual who has been under investigation by the Bureau, and at present is editor of "Fraternal Outlook" of the IWO. He also is a member of the editorial board of the "Morning Freiheit", a member of the National Council of Jewish Communists, chairman of the Upper West Side Section of the Communist Party in New York, instructor at the National Maritime Training School, Camp Beacon, New York, a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, and a contributor to the "Daily Worker" and "The Communist". He resides at 1458 Minford Place, Bronx, New York.

The only other information of interest was several postcards addressed to SLAVIN at the Cornish Arms Hotel, which were mailed from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Youngstown, Ohio, Toledo, Ohio and Kalamazoo, Michigan. SLAVIN was addressed in each instance in an endearing term, and the signature on the postcard was "ERNEST".

By letter dated March 2, 1949, the Bureau advised that on May 7, 1942, the office of the Coordinator of Information submitted a personal history statement of PAULINE SLAVIN, 2027 Park Road, N.W., Washington, D. C. She was born May 1, 1918 in Washington, D. C. Her

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father's name is PHILLIP SLAVIN, who is employed as a special clerk by the Post Office, Washington, D. C. PAULINE received a Bachelor of Music Degree at the University of Michigan in June, 1940. She was employed by the KITT MUSIC COMPANY, 1330 G Street, Washington, D. C. as a piano teacher from February to October, 1941, and by the music division of the National Broadcasting Studio, Washington, D. C. for approximately eight weeks thereafter. She was employed by the Division of Special Information, Library of Congress, in March, 1942.

FRITZ BALZER, former supervisor of PAULINE SLAVIN at the NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, stated he had the impression that PAULINE SLAVIN had radical tendencies, but could furnish no information to bolster his statement.

Mrs. ROSENA LACOSTE ADAMSON, York Apartments, Washington, D. C., stated that she was certain PAULINE SLAVIN had associated with a group of radicals while at the University of Michigan, but she believed SLAVIN had since discontinued these associations.

A highly confidential and reliable source advised that EDWARD GROFF CONKLIN, investigated as a Communist, had in his possession on December 10th and 11, 1947, among other items, a torn slip of paper addressed to him, stating "This is to introduce PAULINE SLAVIN who is researching on the small m/c N book. She is okay in her field - and maybe sooner or later something might develop with five PEPPER or KILGORE since she is working in the L. of Cong. I thought you ought to meet her and talk with her once in a while. See you soon, BEN".

It is possible that the "Ben" above might be identical with BEN SHILHN, Roosevelt, New Jersey.

On September 4, 1947, the Federal Security Agency, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, submitted a loyalty form to the Bureau relative to PAULINE SLAVIN, same address as above, wherein it was set forth that she was employed by the OSS from March, 1942 until August, 1942. She then secured a position with the Library of Congress which she maintained until May, 1943, at which time she went with the FSA, remaining until June, 1944. From June of 1944 to December, 1945, she was employed by the War Manpower Commission, at which time she returned to the FSA.

On March 8, 1949, PAULINE SLAVIN was interviewed at the New York Office by SA's Martin F. Carey and John F. Malley. During this interview she provided the following information:

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Miss SLAVIN first met JUDITH COPLON one and a half to two years ago in Washington, D. C. She believes she was introduced to COPLON by BEATRICE BRAUDE (phonetic) one evening when Miss SLAVIN and Miss BRAUDE were to attend a movie and Miss BRAUDE showed up accompanied by Miss COPLON. Miss SLAVIN has no very clear recollection of this meeting. BEATRICE BRAUDE is a State Department employee now in France. At that time she was living in an apartment on Mozart Place, Washington, but Miss SLAVIN believes that her family maintains a residence in New York City.

Miss SLAVIN cannot remember when she last saw Miss COPLON but believes it was at one or more parties which they might both have attended in Washington. She cannot remember any such parties but feels there must have been something of that sort following her initial meeting with COPLON.

Miss SLAVIN has seen COPLON about eight or ten times since that first meeting. These meetings consisted of luncheon and dinner engagements in Washington, D. C., including one dinner at Miss COPLON'S apartment and one party in Miss SLAVIN'S apartment. Miss SLAVIN last saw Miss COPLON during a luncheon engagement at ALFONSO'S Restaurant in Washington, D. C. about three or four months ago. No one else was ever present on any of the occasions when Miss SLAVIN met Miss COPLON with the exception of the initial meeting and the party at Miss SLAVIN'S apartment. On the latter occasion all persons present were friends of Miss SLAVIN who were not previously acquainted with Miss COPLON. (Excepting also any parties which they may have attended after the initial meeting, concerning which Miss SLAVIN has no recollection whatsoever.)

Miss SLAVIN does not know Miss COPLON'S family, nor does she know any of Miss COPLON'S friends. As far as she knows, BEATRICE BRAUDE is their only mutual friend and she doubts that Miss BRAUDE and Miss COPLON are close friends.

Miss SLAVIN described her acquaintance with COPLON as a "growing friendship" rather than one which had already matured. It was based on a mutual interest in music, literature, etc. Miss COPLON sometimes called her to inquire about literature on music on which Miss SLAVIN is well informed. Their conversations on such occasions as they were together were purely social and Miss SLAVIN has no knowledge of Miss COPLON'S political views or activities.

Miss SLAVIN'S last contact with COPLON was a telephone call which she received from COPLON early last February. Miss SLAVIN believes that she

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was in Washington when she received this call. Miss SLAVIN remembers two details concerning this conversation. Miss COPLON mentioned that she was thinking of some man in terms of marriage (but did not mention his name) and also stated that she planned to be in New York February 18th. Since Miss SLAVIN also was planning to be in New York about that time, a possible meeting was discussed. Miss COPLON gave Miss SLAVIN her Brooklyn telephone number but the meeting was left indefinite due to the fact that COPLON had other appointments and the duration of Miss SLAVIN'S stay in New York was uncertain. Actually Miss SLAVIN left New York on February 18th and did not see COPLON nor have any occasion to use the phone number. Miss SLAVIN stated that she has never seen nor talked to COPLON in New York City.

Other details mentioned by Miss SLAVIN in connection with her association with COPLON included the fact that she had secured a book "Progress of Music" at Miss COPLON'S request several months ago. She believes she may have commented about giving Miss COPLON this book during their last telephone conversation. SLAVIN also recalls that Miss COPLON brought her an inexpensive cigarette case upon COPLON'S return from Italy last summer. SLAVIN may have given COPLON a similar gift upon the occasion of COPLON'S departure for Europe.

Miss SLAVIN expressed complete surprise at hearing the news of COPLON'S apprehension and alleged activities. Although she knew nothing of COPLON'S views on Russia or Communism, she felt COPLON was too much of a "philosophical type" to commit the acts with which she is charged.

Concerning her own personal background, Miss SLAVIN advised as follows:

Miss SLAVIN was born May 1, 1918, at Washington, D. C. and has resided in Washington during her entire life. Since 1941 she has lived with her family at 2027 Park Road N.W. and prior to that time resided for over ten years at 39 Quincy Place, N. E.

Miss SLAVIN is presently employed in the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Federal Security Agency as an Information Specialist under the supervision of W. OLIVER KINCANNON.

Miss SLAVIN is a daughter of PHILIP SLAVIN, an employee in the Washington Post Office, and GOLDA MINKIN SLAVIN, who was a dentist employed in the Washington, D. C. Health Office until the middle 30's when she retired. Both of Miss SLAVIN'S parents were born in Russia but came to the United States

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before Miss SLAVIN was born and were naturalized in Washington, D. C., or Baltimore, Maryland, approximately 1920.

Miss SLAVIN graduated from McKinley Technical High School, Washington, in 1935 and from Wilson Normal School, Washington, in 1936. She attended the University of Michigan from 1936 to 1940, receiving a Bachelor or Music Degree. Thereafter she gave private instruction on the piano from 1940 to 1942 as an associate of the Kitt Music Company in Washington, D. C. She was also employed in the Music Department of the National Broadcasting Corporation for a short time during this period.

Thereafter Miss SLAVIN was employed in the Research Division of the Library of Congress and the Recording Laboratory of the Library of Congress from August, 1942, to August, 1943, the Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, from August, 1943, to May, 1944, the War Manpower Commission from May, 1944, to December, 1945, and in her present occupation from December, 1945, to date.

Miss SLAVIN is now on special assignment engaged in radio and magazine promotion which keeps her in New York City about three-fourths of the time. She has been on this assignment since the middle of January, 1949, and while in New York has stayed at the Cornish Arms Hotel, 28th Street and Eighth Avenue.

Miss SLAVIN advised that she has not been and is not now a member of any organization except the National Rehabilitation Association. She has never been a member of the Communist Party nor asked to join the Party or any of its affiliates. As far as she knows her parents are not members of any language group nor other organizations.

Miss SLAVIN can be contacted in New York at the Regional Office of the Federal Security Agency, 11 West 42nd Street, through JOSEPH LA ROCCA, Regional Representative.

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SARAH BECKER

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The above name appeared in COPLON's address book.

The reporting Agent examined BECKER's personnel file maintained by the Department in New York City.

The first serial in the file was a letter dated May 7, 1943, from the Fifth Avenue Hotel to the EWS, advising that Miss BECKER made application to reside at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and the hotel desired a verification of her employment. It was indicated BECKER was a former resident of 307 Decatur Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. In answer to this letter, it was indicated that BECKER had been assigned to do special work in the New York office for a few weeks. BECKER was officially transferred to the New York office, September 14, 1943. She was classified as an expert, and handled the German language. She was promoted to an economist, 11/29/44.

In May, 1944, BECKER was trying to get transferred to the Anti-Trust Division, Washington, D. C.

The file contained no background information whatever on BECKER.

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The company retails photographic equipment and has a mail order business in processing and enlarging photographic film. The company's bank is the National Safety Bank, 27th Street and 7th Avenue.

It will be recalled that JUDITH COPLON is very interested in photography and it is very likely that she had her developing and printing done by DEVELOPIX.

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SONIA REBECCA COHEN

It will be recalled the name SONIA COHEN appeared in COPLON'S address book.

SA J. GARTH GRAY contacted Confidential Informant T-26 who advised that the personnel file of COHEN maintained by the United Nations reflected the following information:

COHEN was employed by UNRRA on June 1, 1945, as a clerk-stenographer in the Displaced Persons-German operation at Washington, D.C. On June 11, 1945, she was assigned to the London Office of this operation, and remained there until February 10, 1947, when she returned to the United States and was assigned to UNRRA as a clerk-stenographer in the Office of Archivist and Historian, Washington, D.C. On August 31, 1948, her employment at UNRRA terminated in order for her to transfer to the United Nations to assist in the completion of the UNRRA records and archives program. Her present assignment with United Nations in the Office of Records and Archives, Washington, D.C. is indefinite and her salary is \$3,060 per year. Her address is listed as 18 Duvall Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.

From January, 1944 to May, 1945, she was employed as a stenographer by the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. in the Economic Warfare Section at \$1,800 per year. She stated she did dictation, copy work, stencils, proof reading, some editing, and filing. She stated her dictation included many German words and names and much copy work from German publications.

From October, 1936 to December, 1943, she was employed as secretary-clerk stenographer with the United Stores Company, Dorchester, Massachusetts. She did general office work here and states that she ended up as secretary to the president of the company.

She was born October 12, 1914, at Maine, is white and single. Her prior education was listed as follows:

From 1933 to 1935, she attended Gorham State Normal School at Gorham, Maine, in the general course and graduated with a diploma.

From 1942 to 1943, she attended the Stenotype Institute, Boston, Massachusetts, at night where she studied stenotype.

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From 1941 to 1942, she stated she attended the Higgins Business Machine School at Boston, Massachusetts, at night where she studied business machines.

COHEN stated that she speaks German and understands Yiddish. She is qualified to do typing, shorthand, electric adding, calculator and bookkeeping. There was no picture available in the file. Her file contained very little information due to her transfer from UNRRA to United Nations. Her record was clear and did not contain any derogatory information.

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ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, New York City

The individuals described below were employed by the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice at New York City, but were not particularly close to COPLON, according to information at hand. The information being set out below concerning these individuals was obtained from their personnel files maintained by the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice in New York City, made available to the reporting Agent by Confidential Informant T-1.

HELEN V. BERRY

Miss BERRY entered on duty as a clerk on May 31, 1943, at which time her address was 113 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. She resigned on November 29, 1946, and her address as of January 16, 1947, was 193 Amity Street, Brooklyn. Her father was CHRISTOPHER BERRY, born 5/10/98, Ireland, and her mother, MARY ELIEN WARD, born 9/1/99 in Ireland. HELEN was born August 13, 1925, at Brooklyn, New York. She had two brothers PATRICK and MARTIN, who were both in the service as of 5/20/43.

MRS. BETTY W. BIRNE

The only notation in BIRNE's personnel file was the fact that she had been with the Department of Justice since July 1, 1939,

FLORA BRIDGES, aka. Flora Niya Wikawa

Miss BRIDGES entered on duty with the Department on July 6, 1943. She is daughter of PAUL WIKAWA and FLORENCE BRIDGES WIKAWA, and was born October 11, 1922, at New York. Her father, WIKAWA, was with the Japanese Treasury as its acting financial commissioner in New York from 1919 to 1926. He married FLORENCE ELLEN LAKE BRIDGES, 3/11/21. Miss BRIDGES lived with her parents in Japan from 1930 to 1938, during which time her father was director of foreign exchange control for the Japanese Treasury and later became Customs Director.

Miss BRIDGES entered Barnard College in 1938 and graduated in 1942. She then took a Master's Degree at Columbia University. Her mother's divorce from WIKAWA became final in May, 1941, at which time both Miss BRIDGES and her mother legally changed their name back to "Bridges".

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An investigation was made of Miss BRIDGES' father in 1941 when he was in the United States with Colonel HIDEO IWAKURO for the purpose of assisting the Japanese Ambassador KICHISABURO NOMURA in special treaty negotiations between United States and Japan. IWAKURO left United States for Japan on August 1, 1941.

As of July 28, 1944, FLORA BRIDGES resided with her mother at 601 West 112th Street, New York, New York.

ROBERTA JEAN KISH

Miss KISH entered on duty as a clerk-typist with the War Division on July 10, 1944, and resigned effective June 20, 1945, which was the day the Economic Warfare's New York office was closed. Her address at the time was 3950 Bronx Boulevard, New York, New York. She was born December 7, 1927, at Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of ROBERT ARTHUR KISH, born in Chicago. Her mother's maiden name was given as SIESAVENKO (no first name given), born in Russia. She had two cousins WILLIAM and STANLEY BECKER, who were in the U. S. Navy and U. S. Merchant Marine respectively.

CHARLOTTE MASCH

Miss MASCH was born November 13, 1892, Stettin, Germany. She arrived in the United States, September 21, 1912 and is a naturalized U. S. citizen. She was a clerk-steno in the Economic Warfare Section, and according to Confidential Informant T-1, is still employed in the Anti-Trust Division of the Department in New York City. As of July 31, 1943, MASCH resided at 101 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York. MASCH resided at this address with her mother until the latter's death about 1942.

BIANCA ROESTI

Miss ROESTI was recommended for employment with the EWS as a German translator on May 31, 1943, by ROBERT WOHLFORTH. At that time, Miss ROESTI resided at 166 Walnut Street, Brookline, Massachusetts. Her application for employment was forwarded to the Attorney General on June 10, 1943, and set out the following background information:

She was born March 10, 1919 in Brookline, Massachusetts. Her father was MAX FERDINAND ROESTI, born at Bern, Switzerland, and her mother was ROSE BAUMAN (maiden name), born at St. Stephan, Switzerland. They were both naturalized United States citizens. Miss ROESTI's father at that time was a major in the Specialists Division of the Military Government overseas. Miss ROESTI was single at the time.

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Miss FOESTI was educated in elementary schools in Paris and Berlin from 1925 to 1932. She attended high school in Berlin from 1932 to 1937. She attended Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, from 1939 to February, 1943, and received a B. A. Degree. From 1937 to 1938, she attended the Seminar of Klindworth - Scharwenka Conservatory in Berlin and received a Teachers' Certificate. She speaks German and French. Her club affiliation was given as International Friendship League.

From 1939 to 1941, Miss FOESTI was employed during the summer months as a camp counselor by DONALD R. MacJANNET, 1900 H Street N.W., Washington, D. C. From March, 1943 until the date she entered the Department, she was employed selling music by JOHN J. CRANLEY, BOSTON MUSIC COMPANY, Boston, Massachusetts.

She was appointed as an expert in the EWS by letter dated July 5, 1943. Her resignation was forwarded to Washington, April 30, 1945, and it was noted that in February, 1945, she registered with the COOPERATIVE BUREAU FOR TEACHERS, 1776 Broadway, New York, as a teacher of music, German, French, swimming and riding.

During the time Miss FOESTI was in New York, she was residing at 72 Barrow Street, apartment 2-0, New York City.

EMMA SOUDERS

Miss SOUDERS came to the EWS from Civil Service on July 12, 1944, and resigned October 31, 1944, to get married. She was born December 31, 1912 at Bayonne, New Jersey. Her father was JOHN WESLEY SOUDERS, and her mother's maiden name was ANNA MCCARTHY.

JANICE ISSEKS

No information pertaining to Miss ISSEKS' background was contained in her personnel file. She was the daughter of the chief of EWS before Mr. ROBERT WOHLFORTH took charge.

CHARLOTTE THURNHERR

Miss THURNHERR entered on duty with the EWS, February 14, 1944, having been recommended by "two of SIMS CARTER's old friends at a New York prep school". She was born August 13, 1925, New York City. Her father was JOHN A. THURNHERR, born Oberried, Switzerland, and her mother's maiden name was CHARLOTTE FEHRE, born in Dresden, Germany.

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EVA ROSE

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Miss ROSE entered on duty with the EWS, February 7, 1944, having been transferred from the FPHA, New York City. She was transferred from the EWS to the Anti-Trust Division of the Department on June 7, 1945. She was born April 20, 1914, New York City. Her father was LOUIS ROSE, born in Russia, and her mother was IDA GLASSER, born in Russia. Miss ROSE was previously employed by OPA in New York, 8/42 to 3/43, and at the FPHA, New York, 4/43 to 2/44.

While working at the EWS, Miss ROSE resided at 362-364 South Second Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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SAS A. ROBERT SWANSON, WILLIAM A. KOLAR and RALPH F. MILLER obtained the roster of the entire class graduating at Barnard College in June of 1943, together with their birth dates and parents. This roster is not being set out in its entirety, but will be maintained as an exhibit. Some of the information has been reported elsewhere in this report. Four of the girls in the class might possibly be of interest to the instant investigation, so the information presently at hand will be set out.

IRENE BALAKSHA
6151 Broadway
Bronx 63, New York

The records of the Barnard College reflected that BALAKSHA was born on April 3, 1921 in Algeria, while her parents were on "passage". Her parents were given in the records as LEON CHEROZIA, born in Kavkaz, Russia, and MARIE GOLIKOFF CHEROZIA. CHEROZIA operated a tire store.

IRENE attended Barnard College from October, 1939 to June of 1943, receiving a A.B. Degree. She had entered Barnard College from George Washington High School. While at Barnard, she was a Music major and her extra-curricula activities were listed as Glee Club, Greek Games Dance, Folk Dance Committee, Student Aid Corps, Columbia University International Fair, and Calendar Committee.

Her address as of October, 1939 was 450 Audobin Avenue, New York, and as of October, 1941 was 6151 Broadway, Bronx, New York.

The Barnard College Placement Service had a record of BALAKSHA'S activities subsequent to her graduation, which was as follows:

May and June of 1944 - Red Cross Typist.

June, 1944 to December, 1944 - Material Coordinating Agency, New York, New York, as secretary. Her supervisor here was DONALD M. SWAIN, now at Amherst, New Hampshire. Mrs. STRATEMAN of the Placement Bureau stated that she thought that the Material Coordinating Agency was connected with the Navy.

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September, 1945 - Attended Columbia Graduate School receiving a M.A. Degree and in October, 1946 majored in Russian and East European languages.

November, 1947 - Matriculated Columbia University working toward a Ph.D. Degree in Slavic languages.

There was a notation that BALAKSHA attended the Catherine Gibbs Secretarial School from July, 1943 to July, 1944.

References which had been given by BALAKSHA were as follows:

GENA TENNEY, Barnard Music Department.
 ROMAN JAKOBSON, Columbia University.
 ELENA T. MOGILAT
 CLARENCE A. MANNING
 ERNEST J. SIMMONS
 MABELLIDE WYZESSKE.

By letter dated October 28, 1947, Confidential Informant furnished the New York Office of the Bureau with a list of possible Russian translators. Included in this list was Miss IRENE BALAKSHA, 6151 Broadway, Bronx 63, New York.

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~~Ø~~ MARGARET RICHARDSON

MARGARET was born on July 29, 1921, the daughter of LEE and MARGARET HENDERSON RICHARDSON. There was a notation in the Barnard records that Miss RICHARDSON'S guardian was AUSTIN C. HARMON. MARGARET is presently Mrs. H. GRAHAM MEGAW.

~~Ø~~ JULIA MAGDALENE SHEDLESKY

JULIA was born on January 30, 1923 at Detroit, Michigan. Her father was PETER F. SHEDLESKY, and her mother, JULIA SHEBLESKY FOSTER. The Barnard records indicated that SHEDLESKY had a stepfather while attending Barnard.

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JULIA attended the C. Hadse High School, Detroit, Michigan. She married HERMAN I. WECK on May 27, 1944, at which time she was a graduate student.

Her employment record since leaving BARNARD was given as follows:

August, 1944 to August, 1946 - S.A.M. Laboratories, Assistant Research Chemist at Columbia University.

As of January of 1947 - She was with the Texas Company, Beacon, New York, as an analytical chemist.

As of February 17, 1947 - She was with the J.C. Penney Company as a Senior Laboratory Technician.

JULIA'S address while at Barnard was 152 West 17th Street, New York City.

~~B~~ BABETTE ROSE WIENER

BABETTE was born on September 12, 1921. Her father was ROBERT J. WIENER, her stepfather was WALTER MANN, and her mother is Mrs. MILDRED G. MANN. BABETTE is presently Mrs. ROSS VANCE LEWTON, Box #2, Wesleyan Station, Middletown, Connecticut, and as of February 3, 1947, she was a teacher at Middletown High School.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)Relatives

The individuals described below are relatives of

COPLON:

SIGMOND MOROH, aka SIG MOROH
 401 East 2nd Street
 Brooklyn, New York

The following investigation was conducted by SA

MICHAEL J. McDONAGH:

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflected that MOROH resides at the above address, is married to ROSALIND HALPER, and has two children. He was employed as of November 1, 1948, by the R.B. Rogers Company, Brooklyn, and was thirty-two years of age. SAMUEL HALPER, MOROH'S father-in-law, owns the property at 401 East 2nd Street.

The records of Local Draft Board #186, New York, reflect that MOROH registered on October 16, 1940, from the same address. He was born on March 31, 1916, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and at that time was employed by the Cummins Diesel Company of New York at 724 Garrison Avenue, Bronx. The person that would know his address was his wife, ROSELYN MOROH. On his questionnaire executed on December 2, 1940, he listed his Social Security number as 056-07-5470. He attended New York University for four years and received a B.A. Degree. He was married on March 3, 1940, at which time his wife was twenty-one years of age. His father was PETER J. MOROH, sixty-one years of age, and his mother, MARTHA A. MOROH is fifty-seven years of age.

On February 1, 1941, MOROH was employed by the United States Navy Department, Engineering Experiment Station, Annapolis, Maryland, and resided at 2910 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Maryland. In June, 1942, he was employed by the Hiss Diesel Engine Company, Lansing, Michigan, and resided at 1319 Jerome Street, Lansing, Michigan.

His Army Serial Number is 32999563. He entered the service on August 17, 1943 and was honorably discharged on February 18, 1946. In the service he was an Orientator Specialist and did not have any overseas duty.

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The records of the New York City Automobile Bureau reflected that MOROH was employed by the Rogers Diesel and Aircraft Corporation, 1120 Legett Avenue, New York City. He was described as 6'0", 145 pounds, blue eyes and brown hair.

It will be recalled that COPLON advised on interview that PETER J. MOROH was Mrs. COPLON'S brother. She also advised that PETER'S son, SIGMOND MOROH, and his wife reside at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

By teletype on March 18, 1949, the Pittsburgh Office stated that Detective Captain JOHN REED of the Johnstown, Pennsylvania Police Department, advised GEORGE BALLACK, high school teacher of 1244 Menoher Boulevard, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, told him that SIGMOND MOROH, an engineer for Carnegie, Illinois Steel Corporation, 1244 Menoher Boulevard, on March 6th recognized in his presence a newspaper picture of COPLON. At that time, MOROH stated, "She is my cousin. I haven't seen her in four or five years". MOROH then said if she was smart she would get back to Russia".

BALLACK reported to REED that MOROH made several telephone calls to New York City and left town supposedly for a business trip to Butler, Pennsylvania, but BALLACK suspected that MOROH went to New York City.

FRANK LUPMAN
2061 East 33rd Street
Brooklyn, New York

It will be recalled that COPLON advised agents on March 4, 1949, that her mother had a sister, FANNIE M. LUPMAN (now deceased) who was married to FRANK LUPMAN. She stated that LUPMAN resided in Brooklyn with one son, EDWIN.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA EUGENE R. HARRELL:

Mr. and Mrs. ARMAND WEISS of 2065 East 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that they had known LUPMAN for approximately eleven years and they had known his wife prior to her death about three years ago. They advised that LUPMAN is employed as a carpenter and maintenance

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engineer for Houbigant, Inc., 539 West 45th Street, New York City. LUPMAN resides with his son, EDWIN, at the above address. EDWIN is presently a student at Brooklyn College, specializing in Journalism.

The records of Brooklyn College made available by Dean F. W. MARONEY, Department of Personnel Service of that school, reflected the following information regarding EDWIN LUPMAN:

His full name is EDWIN JULIUS LUPMAN and was born on July 15, 1925. He was in the United States Army as an enlisted man with Army Serial Number 42047266, and was discharged on February 11, 1946, after having served nine and one-half months in the Continental United States and seventeen and one-half months in New Guiana, the Phillippines and Japanese areas. The highest rank he obtained while in the service was Private First Class, having entered the service at the age of eighteen years.

EDWIN entered Brooklyn College in September, 1947 and has majored in English up to the present time. He indicated on his entry papers that he was not employed, but previous employment was listed as Montgomery and Ward, September, 1943 to October, 1943 as a shipping clerk. He attended James Madison High School from September, 1939 to June, 1943. On the same entrance papers, EDWIN stated his father was born in Holland.

ALFRED H. COPLON

Information was set out in the reference report of March 8, 1949, to the effect that ALFRED H. COPLON and his wife were members of the Communist Party.

On interview, JUDITH COPLON stated that ALFRED COPLON, who resides with his wife, ETHEL, in Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York, was COPLON'S father's half-brother. She stated that he was a salesman in some clothing firm.

SA HARRELL interviewed Mrs. ANNA WAGER, wife of the superintendent of the building located at 117-01 Park Lane South, Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York, under a suitable pretext, and she advised that ALFRED M. COPLON and his wife, ETHEL, live in Apartment 2E of that building. She said that COPLON was self-employed in the lamp fixture business and had in the past, expressed himself as a staunch supporter of the Communist Party.

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She said that he had run for election as a Committeeman either on the Communist Party or the American Labor Party ticket several years ago.

She said that the couple had been married about eleven or twelve years ago and that both parents of ETHEL COPLON were dead.. She said that the father of ETHEL died sometime during 1948 and was survived by a second wife (ETHEL COPLON'S stepmother), who resides at the present time somewhere on West End Avenue in New York City.

The records of Local Draft Board #27 reveal that ALFRED M. COPLON originally registered on October 16, 1940, from 215 West 188th Street, New York City. At that time he furnished the following information concerning himself:

His full name is ALFRED MORRIS COPLON, born April 5, 1909, at Albany, New York. He was employed by the Ivon Bear Company, Inc., 30 West 24th Street, New York City. He was described as white, 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 168 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair and light complexion. He was married in June, 1933. On January 24, 1944 he was examined and placed in classification 4F because of severe psychoneurosis.

His wife, ETHEL H. COPLON, was born on August 29, 1911.

His son, MICHAEL C. COPLON was born on April 28, 1942. His wife's Social Security number is 061-14-5979. She formerly worked at the Gotham Hosiery Shop.

The following was given as the family of ALFRED COPLON as of November 12, 1942:

Mother, Mrs. ANNA CAPESTEIN, 105 First Street, Troy, New York, 63 years of age.

Half-sister, SADIE BERKOWITZ, 1511 Dean Street, Schenectady, New York, 42 years of age.

Half-brother, SAMUEL M. COPLON, 2506 Avenue S, Brooklyn, New York, 60 years of age.

Half-brother, MAX M. COPLON, Chicago, Illinois, 54 years of age.

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Half-sister, ETHEL SAUNDERS, Washington, D.C.,
50 years of age.

Half-sister, JULIA KAY, Albany, New York, 48 years of age.

Half-sister, ANN COPLON, Albany, New York, 46 years of age.

HARRY and ROSE ZWICK
1205 Avenue R
Brooklyn, New York

JUDITH COPLON advised on March 4, 1949, that her mother had a sister, Mrs. ROSE ZWICK, who resided with her husband, HARRY. HARRY, according to COPLON, was in the printing business and had one son, JULIUS ZWICK, who resided with his wife, MIRIAM aka MIMI, in Brooklyn.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RALPH F. MILLER:

The election records of the Borough of Brooklyn disclosed HARRY and ROSE ZWICK had registered from the above address in 1948. HARRY said that he was born in the United States, was fifty-four years of age, and had resided in the state fifteen years and was in the election district for thirteen years. ROSE ZWICK stated that she was born in the United States, was over twenty-one years of age, had lived in New York State and New York City over twenty-one years and thirteen years in the election district. Both voted from the same address in 1947.

The Credit Bureau of Greater New York had a report dated May 11, 1943, which reflected that HARRY ZWICK was a salesman for the Read Printing Company, 350 Hudson Street, New York City, and had a bank account at the Kings Highway Branch of the National City Bank.

The records of Local Draft Board #140, New York City, reflected that HARRY ZWICK registered on April 25, 1942, from the above address. He was born on November 15, 1893 at Brooklyn, New York. His wife was ROSE M. ZWICK of the same address. His employment was given as above and he is described as 5'5", 140 pounds, blue eyes, blond hair, light complexion.

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JULIUS and MIRIAM ZWICK
 675 Empire Boulevard
 Brooklyn, New York

Mr. OTTO GOLDSTEIN, Superintendent of the above address, was interviewed by SA RALPH F. MILLER under suitable pretext, at which time he said that the ZWICKS resided in Apartment 6D with their two children, a girl about five years old and another infant. He did not know the ZWICK'S first names or their present employments. He said that Mr. ZWICK had been an officer in the United States Army and had apparently been off work for the past several months.

SAMUEL SMITH of the Arkade Holding Corporation, 16 Court Street, advised that his company was the managing agents for that building during the past year. He described the ZWICKS as a very poor type of tenant, who were inclined to be "pink" and to be "agitators". He said Mrs. ZWICK has made several complaints to him and on those occasions she called him a "dirty landlord" and talked about the "dirty capitalists". He said that it was these comments of Mrs. ZWICK which were the bases for his describing the ZWICKS as "pinks".

Mr. SMITH said that the ZWICKS had been at this address for several years and are tenants without a lease. He advised that MARVIN GREENBERG, 299 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn, had previously handled the property and could probably give more detailed information on the ZWICKS.

Several attempts were made to contact Mr. GREENBERG with negative results.

The election records of the Borough of Brooklyn disclosed that JULIUS and MIRIAM ZWICK had registered from the above address in 1948. JULIUS said he was born in the United States, was twenty-eight years of age, had lived in the city and state for twenty-eight years, and in the election district for four years. He last voted in 1947 from the same address. MIRIAM ZWICK stated that she was born in the United States, was twenty-four years of age, had lived in the city and state all her life and in the election district for the past four years. She also voted from the same address in 1947.

The records of Local Draft Board #140, New York City, contained the following background information on JULIUS MOROH ZWICK:

He was born on November 27, 1919, at Brooklyn, New York. As of June 1, 1941, he was employed at the New York Port of Embarkation as a

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clerk-typist. He resided at that time at 58th Street and First Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. JULIUS was described as white, 5'8½", blue eyes, brown hair, light complexion, 130 pounds.

He attended Brooklyn College for four years and received a B.A. Degree and New York University for one year and took marketing courses. He entered the service on April 30, 1943 and was discharged on April 13, 1946. He was an Administrative Supply Officer in the service and served as a Transportation Officer overseas for two and one-half months.

SIDNEY A. WEINSTOCK
1862 East 14th Street
Brooklyn, New York

JUDITH COPLON upon interview stated that her mother's sister, Mrs. MAY WEINSTOCK was married to SIDNEY WEINSTOCK and the two resided in Brooklyn with their children, JEROME and ROBERTA WEINSTOCK.

SA RICHARD E. BRENNAN contacted Mr. G. ZACHARIAS, Superintendent at the above address, under a suitable pretext at which time ZACHARIAS stated that WEINSTOCK worked on the night shift at a hospital. ZACHARIAS could give very little information concerning the WEINSTOCKS, but stated that their son whose name he did not know, was around twenty-five years of age, attends college, and was previously in the army. ZACHARIAS stated that the WEINSTOCK'S daughter was named BARBARA, was 19-20 years of age, unmarried, worked days and goes to school at night.

ARTHUR J. SEIDMAN
1820 Avenue M
Brooklyn, New York

The above individual is the father of SHIRLEY SEIDMAN COPLON, the wife of BERTRAM, who is the brother of JUDITH COPLON.

SA BRENNAN ascertained from Mr. H. MOSS, Superintendent at the above address, under suitable pretext, that SEIDMAN lives at that address with his wife and is employed as Vice-President of the Kings Highway Savings Bank. SEIDMAN has two children, a son and daughter. MORTON, the son, is single, about thirty years of age, is employed in the hardware business, and lives with his parents. SHIRLEY SEIDMAN COPLON, the daughter, is about

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twenty-eight years of age, the mother of a year old child, and has been married to BERTRAM COPLON for eight years.

~~Q~~ SLIVAN A. WOLIN

JUDITH COPLON upon interview stated that her uncle, PETER J. MOROH, had a daughter, ANNE MOROH WOLIN who is married to SLIVAN A. WOLIN and that the two reside in Englewood, New Jersey.

SA BRENNAN ascertained under suitable pretext that the WOLINS moved away from 275 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, several months ago and reside at an unknown address in Englewood, New Jersey.

~~Q~~ HELEN MESEL

JUDITH COPLON stated that her mother's sister, SADIE STELER, who was married to DAVID S. STELER, had a daughter HELEN STELER MESEL, who was married to MANUEL MESEL of Paterson, New Jersey.

By letter dated February 1, 1949, the Newark Office stated that the MESELS reside at 120 Genesee Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey. There was no information in the files of the Newark Office relative to the MESELS.

~~Q~~ ANNE COPLON

It will be recalled that the above name appeared in COPLON'S address book.

By letter dated February 3, 1949, the Albany Office advised that ANNE COPLON has resided at 547 Park Avenue, Albany, New York, since 1939. The City Directory reflected that she was presently employed as a stenographer by the New York State Executive Department for the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Division, Albany, New York. ANNE COPLON took a New York State Civil Service examination in June of 1944, which reflected that she was born on February 22, 1902 at New York City. She has resided in Albany, New York for forty-two and one-half years. She attended Albany public schools from 1909 to 1916; Albany high school for one year, 1916-1917; and Albany business college in 1923. There is no information on ANNE COPLON in the files of the Albany Office.

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GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF JUDITH COPLON

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, who has been in a position to be familiar with the activities of the COPLON family from February 1st through March 24th, has made available certain information concerning this family's activities. During this period numerous social, business and professional contacts were made by this family and extensive discussions concerning the health of Mr. SAMUEL COPLON, the subject's father, took place. The above mentioned information concerning the health of Mr. COPLON and routine family matters are not being set forth in this report. ~~SECRET~~

February 27th

BERTRAM COPLON, the subject's brother, advised his mother on this date that JUDITH COPLON had been attempting to contact her mother from Washington, D. C.. Later that evening in a conversation between JUDITH COPLON and her mother, the subject advised that she would be coming to New York for the weekend, arriving in New York on Friday, the 4th of March and would be at her home at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, at sometime between 9 and 9:30 PM. ~~SECRET~~

March 5th

Mrs. COPLON was advised at 6:50 AM on this date, by a representative of Associated Press that her daughter, JUDITH, had been arrested on a charge of giving official information to a representative of the Russian United Nations and was being held in custody. The subject's aunt, EMMA MOROH, who resides with Mrs. COPLON, told the representative of the Associated Press at that time that JUDITH had been expected home the night before but had not arrived. ~~SECRET~~

At 7 AM on this date BERTRAM COPLON advised his mother that his sister had been apprehended and charged with passing papers to Russians but that the whole matter had to deal with her work in the Department of Justice. ~~SECRET~~

BERTRAM told his wife, SHIRLEY SEIDMAN COPLON, on this date that the charge against his sister was very serious and in answer to his wife's question of the number of times that JUDITH had passed papers to Russia BERTRAM called her attention to the fact that this was different and dealt with the FBI and not local police, to which SHIRLEY countered to the effect that it has always been the FBI. ~~SECRET~~

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At 9 AM on this date Mr. BERNIE MORRIS (ph), speaking with BERTRAM COPLON, stated that he was a friend of Judith's and had worked with her in the Department of Justice for the last four years and was interested in knowing if there was anything that he could do to help BERTRAM and his family. ~~(S)~~

Also on this date, BERTRAM COPLON, in a conversation with his wife, SHIRLEY and her father, J. A. SEIDMAN, was advised by Mr. SEIDMAN to get in touch with ARCHIE PALMER, whom Mr. SEIDMAN stated was well connected in Washington and further, that he knows KEENAN intimately. Mr. SEIDMAN during this conversation identified KEENAN as the man who tried the criminals in Japan. In answer to his wife, SHIRLEY'S question concerning any foundation for the charges, BERTRAM advised her that there definitely was a foundation to these charges. ~~(S)~~

In the early afternoon of this date BERTRAM COPLON advised his mother that he had gone to the Pennsylvania Station with a couple of men to pick up JUDITH'S bag which had been left there the night before and that he was going to see the subject again that day and further advised that JUDITH COPLON would be out on bail by Monday at 1 PM. ~~(S)~~

In the evening of this date BERTRAM COPLON advised Mrs. SIDNEY LAZARUS, the wife of the COPLON family physician, that the events of the day had been a good lesson to them all. Mrs. LAZARUS stated that she had made inquiries during the day among people, asking them if they had known JUDITH COPLON well enough to know if she was Communistically inclined to which her brother, BERTRAM advised that it was his opinion that his sister was not a Communist but in all probability was a tool for someone ~~(S)~~

BERTRAM COPLON, speaking with his wife, SHIRLEY, later in the evening, became exceedingly annoyed when his wife stated that the subject knew what she was doing all along. ~~(S)~~

March 6th

Shortly after 8 o'clock on this date BERTRAM COPLON, in speaking to a business associate of his, advised this associate that as far as he, BERTRAM, was concerned the strangest part of the whole proceedings of the day before was that he did not know whether his sister was

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guilty or not or whether she actually was a tool for someone else, and that he understood from the arraignment proceedings in Court on that morning that the reason for the high bail under which his sister was placed was due to the exigencies of the times. ~~(S)~~

Also on this date SIDNEY BERMAN told Mrs. COPLON that he was a friend of JUDY'S in Washington and that he found it extremely difficult to believe the charges against JUDITH COPLON. BERMAN further advised that he had taken the subject out at least once in Washington and had visited at her home in Brooklyn. ~~(S)~~

On this date BERTRAM COPLON had several conversations with a business associate of his, ~~JOEL~~ RODGERS, and as a result of these conversations RODGERS offered to loan BERTRAM COPLON \$10,000.00 towards bailing JUDITH COPLON out of jail. ~~(S)~~

In the evening of this date a man who identified himself as AL ROSEN asked that BERTRAM COPLON get in touch with him at TRalagar 9-6715. (This phone is listed to HARRY E. SHAPIRO, 230 East 73rd Street). A short time later ROSEN advised BERTRAM COPLON not to do anything too hastily as he, ROSEN, would inquire at the United States Attorney's office concerning the general reputation of BERTRAM ADAMS, the legal counsel whom BERTRAM COPLON and his sister, JUDITH, had employed on the previous day. ~~(S)~~

March 7th

On this date BERTRAM COPLON advised his aunt, Mrs. MAE WEINSTOCK, that he was considering arranging for a different attorney. Among the possibilities BERTRAM mentioned one BEN FOGELSON, whom his aunt described as a progressive living in New Jersey. ~~(S)~~

In the evening of this date BERTRAM COPLON told his wife, SHIRLEY, that he intends moving into the family home at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, putting a cot in the bedroom with his sister, JUDITH, when she came home and that he intended to stay there until the present matter was cleared up. ~~(S)~~

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March 8th

The informant stated that BERTRAM COPLON, in a discussion with his mother and father and aunt, ROSE ZWICK, stated that he had seen his sister at the Detention House earlier in the day and had given her the package and the note which his mother had asked him to deliver. During this discussion BERTRAM stated that he was interested in obtaining the legal services of either a Mr. WEGMAN or Mr. CORBIN. BERTRAM COPLON was further advised by his mother to be exceedingly careful of what he said in the presence of his cousin, BERTRAM KAYE and not to let him talk to anyone unless BERTRAM was with him. ~~(S)~~

March 9th

During the course of a discussion on this date between BERTRAM COPLON and MEL RODGERS BERTRAM advised RODGERS that he had not yet bailed his sister out of jail and that he had very good reasons for not doing so. He further stated that he now has the biggest attorney in the United States, HAROLD CORBIN and that although he has not spoken to CORBIN about the facts of the case as yet he, RODGERS, should mention this to no one. ~~(S)~~

March 10th

The confidential informant has advised that on this date SHIRLEY SEIDMAN COPLON advised her mother-in-law, Mrs. SAHUEL COPLON, that Mr. SEIDMAN, who is the Vice President of the Kings Highway Savings Bank in Brooklyn, does not wish to become involved in this case. SHIRLEY COPLON advised as her reason for this that if it were known that there was any connection between Mr. SEIDMAN and the subject that Mr. SEIDMAN would, in all probability, be discharged from his position at the Bank. ~~(S)~~

March 11th

Mr. HARRY ROGUE, whose address and identity were unknown by the informant, advised Mrs. COPLON on this date that he had just arrived in New York City and was extremely anxious to get in touch with BERTRAM COPLON. ROGUE further stated that he would attempt to contact BERTRAM COPLON later in the afternoon. ~~(S)~~

Also on this date BERTRAM COPLON, the informant advised, made frequent attempts to contact SYLVAN A. WOLIN, a cousin whom BERTRAM said lived in Englewood, New Jersey and was employed by the Pyramid Electric Company and was probably staying at this time in Room 1531 at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, New York City. ~~(S)~~

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Also on this date, BERTRAM COPLON told his attorney, BERTRAM ADAMS, that he was having the phone number as his family's home in Brooklyn changed and that upon receipt of this change he would advise ADAMS of the new number. The informant added that COPLON told ADAMS that he had not yet arranged a place where his sister, JUDITH, could go to get a little peace and calm down but he was still actively engaged in attempting to find such a place. ~~(S)~~

In the evening of this date, a man whose identity is unknown to the informant told BERTRAM COPLON that he was a friend of JUDITH COPLON and wished to speak with her. This man identified himself only as VALINE (ph) and was advised by BERTRAM COPLON that his sister could not be disturbed. ~~(S)~~

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March 12th

The informant advised that during the course of a conversation on this date between BERTRAM and SHIRLEY COPLON and ROSE ZWICK that BERTRAM advised the two women to start a chain system of calling their friends and advising these friends of the new phone number which BERTRAM had just obtained. The informant advised that this number was ULster 3-6417. ~~(S)~~

In the evening of this day the subject engaged in a conversation with Mr. ARTHUR KINOY, who resides at 51 East 97th Street, New York City and is Associate General Counsel of the United Electrical Workers Union, New York. During the course of this discussion she advised KINOY that she was very confused on the subject of obtaining a lawyer and asked Mr. KINOY if there was any assistance which he could give her. Mr. KINOY advised the subject that although he was a practicing lawyer he confined his work rather generally to labor work. Mr. KINOY, during the course of this discussion, according to the informant, was very reticent towards engaging in any further conversations or meetings with the subject. ~~(S)~~

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March 13th

The confidential informant has advised that in a conversation on this date between BERTRAM KAYE, a cousin of the subject and attorney BERTRAM ADAMS, the information was offered by KAYE that JUDITH COPLON was not ready to discuss the facts of this case at this time with either her attorney or anyone else. Mr. ADAMS stated, in effect, that he believed public sentiment was strongly in favor of the subject. KAYE further stated that COPLON even refused to speak with her family concerning the facts of the case and became very emotional every time the case was mentioned. ~~(S)~~

March 14th

During the course of a discussion on this date between the subject and ANNA WOLIN Mrs. WOLIN advised that ARCHIE PALMER would like to see the subject. COPLON was extremely pleased with this news and asked ANNA WOLIN to immediately contact her brother, BERTRAM. A short while after this conversation BERTRAM COPLON confirmed this appointment with ARCHIE PALMER in a conversation with his sister, JUDITH. ~~(S)~~

Also on this date, the subject, while talking with her sister-in-law, SHIRLEY SEIDMAN COPLON, expressed the sentiments that her present situation was becoming intolerable, that she could neither read newspapers, listen to the radio or watch the family television set and that at this point she was practically ready to shoot herself. ~~(S)~~

March 15th

The informant advised that on this date BERTRAM COPLON advised his sister, JUDITH, that he had received an air mail special delivery letter from his father-in-law, J. A. SEIDMAN. BERTRAM stated that in this letter SEIDMAN suggested as a possibility for legal counsel one GEORGE WOLFE, whom SEIDMAN described as being an excellent lawyer and who had represented COSTELLO and others. He also recommended one SOL GILL, whom SEIDMAN stated knew judges and was the District Attorney who convicted the City College professor. BERTRAM COPLON advised his sister that she was the only one with whom he was discussing the various persons who might be retained by them as legal counsel. ~~(S)~~

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Later in the evening on this date Mrs. COPLON mentioned to her sister, ROSE ZWICK, that it would be best if ROSE did not come to their Ocean Parkway apartment too frequently as Mrs. COPLON was afraid that something might happen to her from either neighbors or because of her connections with the COPLON family. She further stated that the subject goes for walks by herself but that the COPLON family believed their daughter, JUDITH, to be adequately protected. ~~(S)~~

March 16th

It was ascertained that on this date during the course of a conversation between BERTRAM COPLON and his lawyer, BERTRAM ADAMS the latter mentioned that a Press Service had offered, through ADAMS, to pay \$5,000.00 for an exclusive interview with the subject. This offer was immediately rejected by BERTRAM COPLON. However, the informant advised that Mr. ADAMS' general attitude in this matter was that it would not be an unwise thing for the COPLONS to do, that is, to accept this offer and have the subject give an exclusive interview. Mr. ADAMS stated that this Press Service had offered him a commission should the subject or her brother accept the offer. ~~(S)~~

The confidential informant made known that during the early afternoon of this date BERTRAM COPLON, in a discussion with ARCHIE PALMER, advised the latter that he was the first one he called or thought of when the present situation arose on March 5th last. During this conversation PALMER asked COPLON if by any chance his telephone wire was tapped and suggested that COPLON contact him through some means other than the telephone in the family apartment at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, as PALMER had an idea and some suggestions he wished to discuss with BERTRAM COPLON. ~~(S)~~

Also on this date the informant advised that BERTRAM ADAMS discussed with BERTRAM COPLON the indictment on that date of the subject in Washington, D. C. COPLON was quite concerned that his sister would not be arrested or apprehended at her home. BERTRAM, during the course of this conversation, told ADAMS that he had informed his sister, JUDITH, that he could not see any possibility

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of making any more bail in this case should further bail be required in Washington, D.C. ~~(S)~~

Also on this date, BERTRAM and JUDITH COPLON, in a conversation with SAM NEUBURGER, discussed what they termed the strategy to be used as a result of the recent indictment in Washington, D.C. NEUBURGER suggested to BERTRAM and JUDITH COPLON that they agree to present the subject in Washington on the following Friday or Monday. The subject mentioned to NEUBURGER, during the course of this conversation, that she was sure it would be impossible for her or her family to arrange for bail in Washington. ~~(S)~~

The informant advised that also on this date, during a conversation between BERTRAM COPLON and his wife, SHIRLEY, the latter mentioned that she had been talking with ARCHIE PALMER who stated that it was only recently that he had realized that JUDITH COPLON was a member of the family of SAMUEL COPLON, whom PALMER described as old friends of his. SHIRLEY stated to her husband, that ARCHIE PALMER had, in effect, told her that the COPLONS were more than welcome to his legal services and that he would be delighted to help them in any manner possible. SHIRLEY COPLON also told her husband that ARCHIE PALMER had informed her that the charges against the subject constituted one of the greatest frame-ups he had ever heard of. ~~(S)~~

March 17th

The informant stated that he was present on this date during a conversation between BERTRAM COPLON and his wife, SHIRLEY, in which BERTRAM stated that ARCHIE PALMER had taken over matters very effectively and was in full control of the situation. The informant further advised that during the course of this conversation BERTRAM COPLON strongly impressed upon his wife that he did not wish his sister, JUDITH, to be left alone in the apartment with her mother and father at any time, that on the contrary, he was most desirous of always having a fourth person present. ~~(S)~~

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Confidential Informant T-4, stated that he was advised that during a conversation between the subject and her brother, BERTRAM, on this date, the subject mentioned that she was distraught and was going to take some pills. BERTRAM COPLON, according to the informant, immediately expressed considerable alarm as a result of this statement and a situation bordering on hysteria until the subject, after some difficulty, advised her brother that what she had meant was that she was going to take some vitamin pills and that she had no intention of harming herself as her brother apparently thought. ~~(S)~~

Later in the evening on this date the informant stated that he was present at another conversation between the subject and her brother, BERTRAM. During this conversation the subject accused her brother of having drunk too much bourbon during the day, to which her brother replied, in effect, that she should just relax and referred to her as an espionage agent. This remark by BERTRAM elicited the reply from the subject that her brother was attempting to be funny. BERTRAM then told his sister that as far as he was concerned the whole thing was so funny that it was beginning to annoy him. As a result of this remark the informant advised the subject indulged in a victriolic tirade against her brother and used considerable profanity towards him during the remainder of the heated conversation. ~~(S)~~

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March 19th

The informant was present on this date during a conversation between BERTRAM COPLON and ARCHIE PALMER. BERTRAM advised PALMER that he had succeeded in obtaining \$7,000.00 towards his sister's bail from one BOB CATO and that he believed that he could get an additional \$3,000.00 from some individuals whom COPLON merely described as the boys on Ludlow Street who were all good friends of his. PALMER told COPLON during the course of this conversation that he had a memorandum on his desk showing that the \$250,000 bond which had been placed against the subject in New York City was unconstitutional in that it constituted excessive bail. ~~(S)~~

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March 20th

The informant stated that on this date BERTRAM COPLON advised his wife, SHIRLEY, that ARCHIE PALMER was flying to Washington on the following day and that he would represent JUDITH COPLON in Washington. BERTRAM further told his wife that it would cost her another \$500.00 for a Washington Attorney and that he had given PALMER \$40.00 for his plane fare to Washington which had left COPLON financially insolvent at this time. ~~XX~~

March 22nd

In the early afternoon of this date the informant stated that SAM NEUBURGER asked the subject if she had succeeded getting the person they discussed. (The informant advised that NEUBURGER did not further identify this person). COPLON then told NEUBURGER that as far as she was concerned nothing was definite at that time. As a result of this conversation NEUBURGER invited the subject to come to his home at 8 o'clock that evening and told her that he resides at 170 Hawthorne Street, Brooklyn, New York. ~~XX~~

Later on this day the informant stated the subject told ANNA WOLIN that she was anxious to return to Washington in the near future to obtain her clothing and some of her possession from her apartment at McLean Gardens but that it would be necessary for her first to obtain the keys to this apartment from the FBI in Washington. The subject also told ANNA WOLIN during this conversation that she was anxious to go to her office in the Department of Justice Building and obtain some papers which were in her desk there. ~~XX~~

The informant stated that ARCHIE PALMER, in a conversation with the subject on this day, chided her for what he termed too ridiculous and uncalled for statements she had made to the press in Washington, D. C., to which the subject replied, in effect, that she was going to make it a point never to talk to newspaper men again. The informant further advised that PALMER was quite anxious to have the subject do the work which they had discussed and to do it as soon as possible and then talk to him. The informant, who was present at this conversation was unable to determine what type of work ARCHIE PALMER was referring to. ~~XX~~

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The informant stated that on the evening of this date BERTRAM COPLON indicated to PAUL LAZARUS that at present he was supporting five doctors and three lawyers, that he had to have a Washington lawyer to plead the case there and that that would cost him \$2,500.00. COPLON told LAZARUS that his attorney, ARCHIE PALMER, had advised him that everyone had started to refer to him as a Communist. COPLON also told LAZARUS, the informant stated, that he had taken all of his savings out of the Kings Highway Savings Bank in Brooklyn because it had become the general opinion that J. A. SEIDMAN, BERTRAM'S father-in-law, who is also Vice President of this bank, was giving BERTRAM financial backing in this matter. BERTRAM COPLON told LAZARUS that he wanted to stop any such rumor or opinion among people in order to protect the reputation and position of his father-in-law. ~~(S)~~

March 23rd

The informant was present on this date during a conversation between the subject and her mother, Mrs. SAMUEL COPLON, in which the subject stated that she had spent practically all afternoon at the office of her attorney, ARCHIE PALMER. ~~(S)~~

Later in this day the informant stated BERTRAM COPLON in talking with ARCHIE PALMER mentioned the financial aspects of this case and the difficulties he had encountered obtaining bond money and legal fees. In answer to a question by PALMER, BERTRAM COPLON advised that his relationship with his father-in-law, J. A. SEIDMAN, have not been good for quite some time and that he had no wish or desire to become indebted to SEIDMAN financially. ~~(S)~~

The informant stated that on this date the subject expressed to SYLVAN WOLIN a growing concern relative to some items she had in her apartment in Washington, D. C. which she was anxious to get and have brought to New York at the earliest possible time. ~~(S)~~

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LEADS~~CONFIDENTIAL~~WASHINGTON FIELDAt Washington, D. C.

Will examine the personnel files of the individuals set out in this report as being connected with the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice in New York City for further background information, particularly with reference to the employees' parents.

Will ascertain the listing for telephone RO 6639, which number had been written on the inside cover of COPLON'S address book but had been erased.

Will ascertain the identity of the bank with code No. 1167 of the Associated Retail Creditmen of Washington, 1221 G Street, N.W., Washington, and if not already being done, will analyze any account COPLON has or had at the bank.

Will contact the Federal Security Agency, 1734 New York Avenue, N.W., and attempt to ascertain if PHILIP G. PAVIA was employed by this agency in the New York City school system and if so furnish all background information concerning PAVIA. It is to be noted that the above investigation was requested by teletype to Washington on March 23, 1948.

Will contact the Treasury Department and attempt to ascertain if possible information pertaining to the \$6,000.00 check which PAVIA reportedly received from the Government approximately one and a half years ago.

Will contact the State Department and develop information regarding PAVIA'S reported trip to Italy covering the period of March to August, 1948.

Will contact the Immigration and Naturalization Service and attempt to develop information concerning PAVIA'S citizenship and background, in the event the State Department records reflect PAVIA to be an alien. This lead was furnished the Washington Field Office by teletype on March 8, 1948.

Will check the names of IRENE BALAKSHA, MARGARET RICHARDSON, JULIA MAGDALENE SHEDLESKY and BABETTE ROSE WEINER with the United States Civil Service Commission to determine if they ever were employed by the Federal Government.

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Will identify GEORGE GARILLE, 373 East 35th Street, Brooklyn, and ascertain his connection with PAVIA.

Will obtain a limited amount of background information on BABETTE ROSE WEINER, IRENE BALAKSHA, Mrs. H. GORDON MEGAW, nee MARGARET RICHARDSON, and JULIA MAGDALENE SHEDLESKY, classmates of COPLON at Barnard College, to determine their parents and complete employment.

Will examine the records at Barnard College for information on the following individuals:

ELSIE FRIEMUS

RUTH LENORE GARTEN

(presently Mrs. Alton Meister)

BEATRICE KAPLAN

(presently Mrs. Abraham S. Walfish)

Will interview Dr. HAROLD M. PEPPARD, 104 East 40th Street, New York City, upon his return from the Bahamas after April 1, 1949.

Will conduct the investigation requested in the Washington Field Office letter of March 21, 1949, which includes checking all bond applications in favor of COPLON to determine the individual who made the purchase and whether purchased by cash or check, as well as determining whether COPLON had any type of account at any of the banks where such bonds were purchased.

Will examine the UNRRA personnel file on SONIA REBECCA COHEN.

Will ascertain the identity of SAM NEUBERGER, 170 Hawthorne Street, Brooklyn, who has been conferring with COPLON about her trial.

Will follow prosecution of this case.

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The confidential informants referred to in the report of SA T. Scott Miller, Jr., dated March 28, 1949, at New York City are identified as follows:

- Confidential Informant T-1: WILLIAM VAN ALLEN, Antitrust Division, U. S. Department of Justice, New York, New York, who was in charge of personnel of the Economic Warfare Section, Department of Justice, 30 Broad Street, New York City, until June 30, 1945, when that office was closed.
- T-2: A highly confidential source who made available on February 17, 1949, the personal possessions of PAULINE SLAVIN, room 626, Cornish Arms Hotel, 311 West 23rd Street, New York, New York, to Special Agents J. Harold Glascock, Thomas J. McAndrews, the writer and Photographer Frank Schweitzer.
- T-3: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, a former Soviet agent.
- T-4: NYT-512.
- T-5: A highly confidential source who made available the possessions of COPLON'S overnight bag at Pennsylvania Station on February 18, 1949, to Special Agents Raymond P. Wirth and J. Harold Glascock.
- T-6: b7D
- T-7: Bruno Music, postal carrier, Old Chelsea Post Office, 217 West 18th Street, New York City.
- T-8: CHARLES CUMMO, postal carrier, Old Chelsea Post Office, 217 West 18th Street, New York City.
- T-9: A highly confidential source who made available the personal possessions of JUDITH COPLON in her overnight bag at Pennsylvania Station on March 4, 1949, to Special Agents John M. O'Mara and J. Harold Glascock.

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- T-10: CARL WEISS, Vice-President, Foreign Department, Chase National Bank, which bank has most of the Russian accounts.
- T-11: PETER P. LANG, Chief, Foreign Department, Federal Reserve Bank, 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York.
- T-12: NATHANIEL RICHARD GHOLSTIN, superintendent, 53 West 8th Street, New York City.
- T-13: LEW NETTUNE, owner of NETCON ASSOCIATES, export-import firm, 400 Madison Avenue, New York City.
- T-14: J. K. FITZGERALD, Assistant Manager, Chase National Bank, 42nd Street Branch.
- T-15: CREDIT SWISS, Pine Street, New York City..
- T-16: IRVING TRUST COMPANY, 42nd Street and Park Avenue Branch.
- T-17: COLONIAL BANK, main office.
- T-18: NATIONAL CITY BANK, Times Square Branch.
- T-19: CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY, New York City.
- T-20: EUGENE M. TUCK, Assistant to resident manager of Stuyvesant Town Corp.
- T-21: THOMAS J. RIORDAN, Assistant Clerk, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 25th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City.
- T-22: Former Confidential Informant Bob M.
- T-23: Confidential Informant b7D
- T-24: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS..
- T-25: Confidential Informant CNHT-38.
- T-26: FRANK BEGLEY, United Nations, Lake Success, N.Y.

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Information on EMIL Z. BARISH set out in this report in the section dealing with PAULIN SLAVIN was obtained from the case file entitled "EMIL ZOLA BARISH, was.; SECURITY MATTER- C."

Information on ABRAHAM CHAPMAN set out in that section of this report dealing with PAULINE SLAVIN was obtained from the case file "ABRAHAM J. CHAPMAN; INTERNAL SECURITY - C," Bureau file 100-332287.

A separate case file has been opened on MARION DAVIS so investigation of her was not set out in this report.

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Director M

March 29, 1949

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, New York,
March 28, 1949.

Mr. S. FRANKLIN SPIRA, owner of both the DEVELOPIX COMPANY and the SPIRATONE FINE GRAIN LABORATORIES, 32-34 Steinway Street, Long Island City, New York, (photographic developing and supply concerns) advised from his records that he had received an order of film for processing from subject on August 21, 1948, and shipped same to her address at 3685-38th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. It was determined that she used a 35 mm. camera and had Matt enlargements.

Efforts to determine the contents of said films were negative inasmuch as no such records are maintained by the trade.

R

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New York, New York

1 29, 1949

~~ACTIVELY CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

There are being forwarded with this letter five copies of the report of Special Agent T. SCOTT MILLER, Jr. dated March 28, 1949.

It will be noted that a copy of this report was furnished to Special Assistant to the Attorney General THOMAS J. DONEGAN. However, the information furnished by Confidential Informant NYT 512, the Leads, the Administrative Page, and the Confidential Informant Page were deleted from the copy furnished Mr. DONEGAN inasmuch as it is felt that nothing contained in that portion of the report would be helpful to the prosecution of the instant matter.

Yours very truly,



EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

cc: Washington Field (Encs. 4)
Encs. (5)

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C. March 28, 1949

To: SAC, Washington

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 24, 1949.

Re: JUDITH COPLON
Espionage - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 65-5128
FBI FILE NO. 65-58365
LAB. NO. D-96517 ET

Examination requested by: Washington

Reference: Letter dated March 23, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K29 One sheet of ruled paper containing a handwritten order for breakfast on March 5, 1949, in the known handwriting of JUDITH COPLON.

Results of Examination:

There was not sufficient known handwriting of JUDITH COPLON on K29 for an identification with the handwriting on specimen Q39 using this known specimen alone. However, specimen K29 can be used with the handwriting in the personnel file of JUDITH COPLON, K14, which was previously used to identify COPLON as the writer of Q39.

Specimen Q39 was submitted to the Laboratory by the New York Office with a letter dated March 4, 1949.

Specimen K29 is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

2-New York - SPECIAL DELIVERY

FBI - NEW YORK
MAR 29 1949

T. E. Miller

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C. March 29, 1949**

To: SAC, Washington

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 25, 1949.

Re: JUDITH COPLON
Espionage - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 65-5128
FBI FILE NO. 65-53365
LAB. NO. D-96583 ET

Examination requested by: Washington

Reference: Letter dated March 24, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K30 Two carbon copies of 2-page typewritten 6" x 6" abstract form used by the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice, headed "General Nicolas Radescu", first page beginning "See Bureau rept. dated May 16, 1948, Re:...", second page beginning "exiled political leaders were..."

Results of Examination:

It has been determined that K30 consists of two additional carbon copies which were made simultaneously with a carbon copy, Q30, taken from JUDITH COPLON'S purse on March 4, 1949 and are direct carbon copies of a corresponding typewritten original, K25, obtained from Room #2220, Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C.

Specimen Q30 was submitted to the Laboratory by the New York Office with a letter dated March 4, 1949 and specimen K25 was submitted to the Laboratory by the Washington Field Office with a letter dated March 9, 1949.

Specimen K30 is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

2-New York - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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MAR 30 1949	
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TRANSLATION FROM THE RUSSIAN

65-58365 Q44:

January 1949

Sunday 23

Find out about ammonium salt.

January 1949

Thursday 20

buy shirts	7 pr
anklets	10 pr
neckties	6

65-14937

65-14937-293	
F. B. I.	
MAR 30 1949	
N. Y. C.	
ROUTED TO	FILE

January 1949

Friday 14

$3^{25} + 50 + 75 + 20$

Saturday 15

Take docum.

January 1949

$62\frac{1}{2}$ $145\frac{1}{2}$

February

Wednesday 16

4

February

Tuesday 1

Re fur coat

Friday 4

Ask about London

March 1949

Sunday 6

buy Galoshes

Monday 7

buy Galoshes

Saturday 12

2:05 o'clock 62 and ^{2 P.M.}
5 ev.

March 1949

Thursday 3

2 pairs

May 1949

2
Thursday 19

Saturday 21

29⁷ 3

Saturday 23

an uncanceled 3 cent U.S. postage stamp.

June 1949

Holy Sunday 5

Calumet	7.40	
Rayve(?)	8.90	
?	3.00	ladies'
Colgate(?)		6 tubes
brassieres(?)	7.90	
box		

Total 27.20

May 1949

4 Tuesday 31

Mr. BLUMENDORF - evaluate
makes of radios

Next.

June

Wednesday 1

June)	1. everybody
July) Vacation	2. Two couples of (four)*months & 7 hrs.
Aug.)	3. Notify SOMMERS (in charge)
Sept.)	re: economic meaning
	4. Must buy flatiron, chocolate bars, etc.

Thursday 2

1	—	4.45
2	—	6.00
3	—	6.45
4	—	7.35
		<hr/>
		24.25

10 places (tickets)*for the steamboat.

* Translator's notes.

December 1949

Saturday 31

(SCHMIDERER(?) K1 9 - 8399 7th ave subway to 242)
ROBERT SOBLE Circle Medical Group #9-03
Tel. EN 2-3240 41 W 72 st

MEMORANDA

Potassium Permanganate - pot. perm.
Sulfadiazine ointment - sulfd oint.
lunar caustic - lunar caustic

December 1949

Sunday 18

<u>overcoats</u> - fur	800
goat	250
rain	35
leather	100
	<u>1200</u>

Monday 19

<u>Suits:</u>	
black	- 70
red	65
grey	70
	<u>200</u>

Dresses - 200

Tuesday 20

shoes	110
<u>underwear</u>	65
wash. mach	- 150

Wednesday 21

radio	250
blankets	60
sheets etc	60
etc	
	<u>700</u>

Thursday 22

	Jan 12	—	110	
	" 19	—	100	
Mater. Yasha	" 23	—	45	
	26	—	130	
Mar. Yasha	Feb 6	—	61	(pos.) (could be first syllable of
	Feb 9	—	190	Embassy, or send etc.)*
	Feb 23	—	150	
Mater. Yasha	Feb 19	—	108	
	March 3	—	45	

Addresses

GRIG. SAMOILUV Kalien 7 5 sous Mex.
Stone.
TA 3 9313 Yurii Vlad.
SCHWARTZMAN WI 7 - 0500
PRAGER - "Madigan - Hyland"; 28-04, L.I.
41st ave
HELBURN - book store
MYUZER (?) MO- 4-2860
ALEKSANDROV (ALEXANDROFF) - Al - r CI - 5-4250
GEVORI P (N?) A RI - 9-0136 (Ext. 8349)
MATSON Sydney 24 Rue Molar, Paris (7 e)
VASIA - Station SOLNTSEVO, KURSK Oblast Nik Smis
FRED-vo (Representation, Representative)
BURJAC - 260 W 39 st. Leather overcoat
SPIGEL - 245 W 27 st. Goat. overcoat
AMTORG - 331 Madison - LE - 2-8500
UN - 405 E 42 St. NY 17 NY.
DOGOVA (DOCHOVA) TONYA - Street KRASNOGO KURSANTA 9 b Apt 4
CHERPOVICH (CHERNOVICH) Iliya Klementiev
MOROZOVA : Moscow Oruzheiny Pl. 25A Apt 14
SHUENIKOV M.55 Sushcheskii Val (Hill) 22, Apt 11

Easy: Thor: Refrig with box
telev. Philco

Passport 12032 - mine issued 9/10/46 vis 7/3 20E
12070 - wife's " " 203
14665 VIOLA 4/1/48 Washington

(G SCHWARTZMAN 370 E 52 st. EV 5-5844)

EL 5-0439 S M WOLF
JA 3-5805 VLADIMIR

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NOTICE

to Employee of the Secretariat of the U.N.O. Comr. GUBITCHEV,
VALENTINE ALEKSANDROVICH R/A #888 of June 29, 1946

Copy: Exchange Finance Administration, Min. of For. Affairs, U.S.S.R.

For your trip to the Secretariat of the U.N.O. you received advances to cover traveling expenses, and aside from that, Sov. foreign institution paid you for incidental traveling expenses along the way; altogether you received

Date	Place received	Name of Institution	Text	Advances & other expenses For- Exch. eign	Gold Rubl. received
June 46	Moscow	EFA of MFA	Received according to certif. statement a) Amer. dollars 650.00 3445.00 b) French francs 2000.00 89.00 c) for 3 tickets <u>1024.53</u> 5430.00 on spec. plane Mosc-Paris d) Advances in gold rubl.		1045
July	Paris	Embassy	Advance for travel. expenses Fr. fr.	24012.00 1068.53	
July-Sept.	New York	U.S.S.R. Representation at the U.N.O.	a) Issued by cert. statem. 201.90 1070.07 b) expense money for payment of hotel 45.73 242.39 Salary from 7/21 to 9/30 <u>884.14</u> 4685.94 <u>929.87</u>		
Total				. 16030.93	1045

\$1784.46 have been credited to your account at the U.S.S.R. repr. at the U.N.O. to be applied to your indebtedness; this sum is equivalent to 9457.64 exchange rubles at the foreign exchange rate of 31.15 exchange rubles. 9488.79 exch. rubles have been repaid by you. You still owe the M.F.A. (Min. of Foreign Aff.) of the U.S.S.R. 6542.14 exch. rubles and 1045.00 gold rubles.

The U.S.S.R. representation at the U.N.O. reminds you once more of the necessity of prompt repayment of your indebtedness.

First Secr. Repres.
U.S.S.R. at the U.N.O.

(sign.) N. MOLYAKOV

Auditor
(sign.) A. PODKOLZIN

NOTICE received

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(Signature)

TRANSLATED FROM THE RUSSIAN

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STATEMENT

Sums paid in by Comrade GUBITCHEV, V.A. to liquidate debt contracted in traveling to place of work in the Secretariat of the U.N.O.

No	No P.P. (according (to items)	Text	In exchange	Entered Equivalent in exchange rubles	Date	No of trans- fer	Re- marks
1		Paid in French francs Receipt #20	700.00	31.15			
2		Debt repaid to Representation accord, to receipt #128	929.87	4928.33			
3		Repaid to Min. of For. Aff. U.S.S.R., Receipt #128	854.59	4529.31			
		Total		<u>9488.79</u>			

Auditor

A. PODKOLZIN

Q57

Receipt #128

November 9, 1946

U.S.S.R. Embassy
U.S.S.R. Mission
General Consulate SSR
Consulate U.S.S.R.

Received from GUBITCHEV V. for repayment of
expenses for trip to New York and expenses in New York up to November
1, 1946.

the sum of \$1784.46

One thousand seven hundred eighty-four dollars & 46 cents.

Credit Manager

(illegible signature)

In charge of accounts

Print. "Kommuna Truda"
order 775

Q58

Receipt #1046

Dec. 27, 1948

Received from Comrade GUBITCHEV, V. to liquidate the debt contracted
traveling to his place of work in the Secretariat of the U.N.O.

the sum of \$210

Two hundred and ten American dollars

Remark of subdivision

Sums ?????

Check #158

Credit manager.

Auditor

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Lexington 2-8500

New York 16, N.Y.

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NAME IGUBITCHEV

ADDRESS _____ AMT REC'D _____

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Dr. Rosa (Rosa) MOISEYEVNA
STAROSHKLOVSKAYA LENINGRADSKOE
Shosse #40-75
Fourth Soviet Hosp. Surgery

Q76

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
(Your file 65-14932)

DATE: March 29, 1949

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There follows the report of the Cryptanalysis-Translation Section of the FBI Laboratory submitted as a supplement to the Laboratory report of March 11, 1949 to your office which covered the Document and Secret Writing examinations of specimens Q44 through Q135 in this case.

No concealed messages of a cryptographic nature were found in the examination of Q44 through Q135. Possibilities of the use of subterfuge and abbreviated reminders or memory tools were observed, particularly in specimens Q44 and Q106.

Specimens Q44, a diary in the possession of GUBITCHEV, contains several entries of simple numbers at the beginning of January, Fri. Jan. 14, Wed. Feb. 16, and Sat. May 21. These entries are in a very abbreviated form. They do not have the appearance of cipher as it is usually used but look more like condensed reminders omitting any data which might reveal their actual significance. The entry at the beginning of January might be measurements in the metric system. The entry for Jan. 14 has the appearance of a summation of money or time and if it is the latter might represent time periods required for certain movements or trips which beginning at 3:25 would end at 5:50. The entries for Feb. 16 and May 21 are too fragmentary to permit valid interpretations at this time.

An entry in specimen Q44 for March 12 appears to be a time record but nothing further can be added. The items listed under Sunday June 5 appeared to the translator as commercial items but the poor script and the problem of transliteration puts the translation for these items in the doubtful category.

An observation is offered that entries in Q44 for Dec. 18 through Dec. 21 might have been intended to conceal secret payments which the subject desired to cover by the subterfuge of items purchased or to be purchased. This might fall in line with the explanation GUBITCHEV offered for cash in his possession at the time of his apprehension. On the other hand it is equally likely that these entries are innocent and represent exactly what is written there. Entries for Dec. 22 and Dec. 23 appear to be an account of funds but nothing further can be suggested at this point.

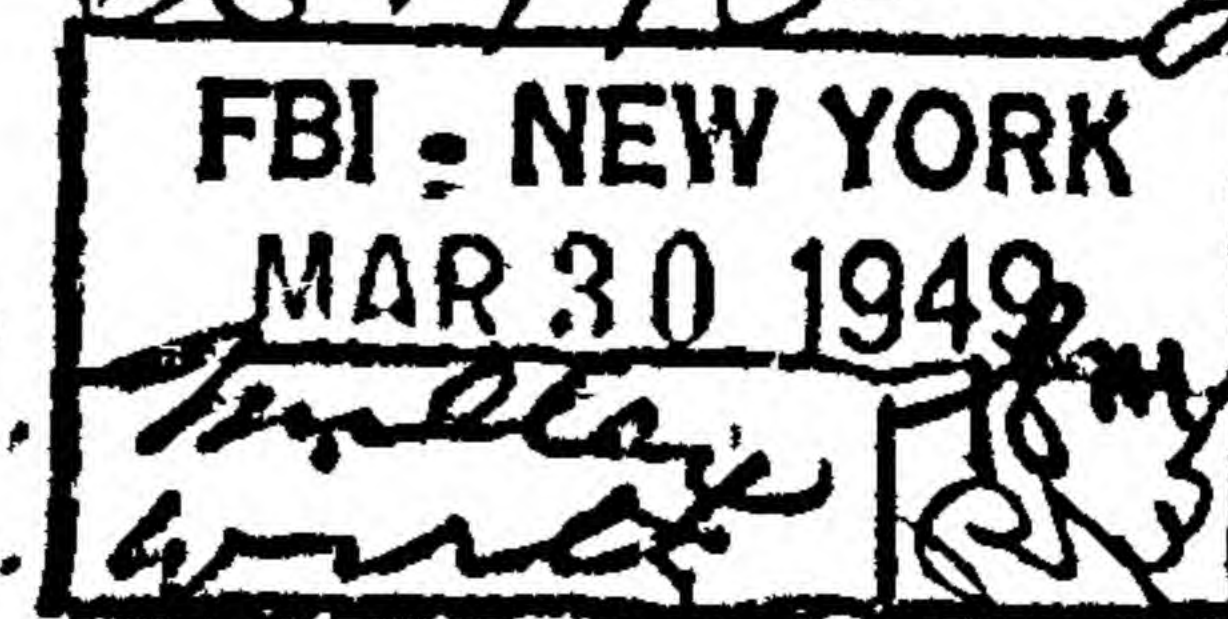
In specimen Q106 there is an entry for Jan. 14 which appears to read "U.P. item too selective - misleading." This perhaps refers to a United Press news item with which the subject did not agree. Other

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entries for Jan. 14 are "N.Y.C." and "olives (black)." These two entries probably refer to the New York trip COPLON made on that date to meet GUBITCHEV. "N.Y.C." obviously represents "New York City" and "olives (black)" might have been entered as a mnemonic device or memory tool on the meeting in the Italian restaurant where the subjects proceeded on Jan. 14, 1949.

X Entries in Q106 for Jan. 16 and July 26 consist of the notations "H.S. Birthday" which probably refers to HAROLD SHAPIRO.

X An entry for Jan. 24 appears to refer to "Johnny Walker" Black Label Whiskey.

X An entry in Q106 for Feb. 18 "get 2 tickets for show" may have been intended as a memory tool covering the New York meeting of COPLON and GUBITCHEV which took place on that date. On the other hand this could have been a legitimate entry for purchasing tickets.

X An entry in Q106 for Feb. 24 stating "Announcement No. 157 (unassembled)" probably refers to a Civil Service examination.

X Numbers in Q106 on a page marked "Earnings and Withholding Tax" appear to be serial numbers for U. S. Savings Bonds.

Translations of Russian text appearing in specimens Q44, Q52, Q57, Q58, Q76, Q74 and Q75 are attached hereto.

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Form No. 1

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DE File No. **65-2171**

Report Made At DETROIT, MICHIGAN	Date Made 3/25/49	Period 3/8/49	Report Made By ALBERT P. CLARK	VAK
TITLE JUDITH COPLON			CHARACTER ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

Informant asserts he knew JUDITH COPLON from early 1945 in connection with her work in the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice. Knows nothing of her background, activities or associates other than her inclusion in a group of individuals in the F.A.R. Section described by Informant as pro-Soviet. Group included LOUIS NEMZER, top political analyst; DAVID BOOKSTAVEN, attorney; NATHAN ELLIFF, Chief F.A.R. Section; BENJAMIN MORRIS, Analyst; and LEON SEGAL, translator.

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REFERENCE:

Washington Field Office teletype to Detroit, March 7, 1949.

DETAILS:

Informant Detroit T-1, who appears to be both intelligent and reliable, but was admittedly hazy in his recollection of the following details, informed Special Agent MORTIMER C. WATSON and the reporting Agent that he became acquainted with JUDITH COPLON in early 1945, at which time she was classified as an Assistant Analyst in the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, and was

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an assistant to LOUIS NEMZER, whom the Informant described as the "top political analyst in the F.A.R. Section". The Informant is of the opinion that NEMZER was responsible for COPLON's employment in that Section and that COPLON had no special qualifications for the job, for which reason the Informant cannot quite understand why she was ever employed there.

The Informant stated that in about August, 1945, NATHAN ELLIFF, Acting Chief of the Internal Security Section, Department of Justice and Chief of Foreign Agents Registration Section, announced that personnel cuts would have to be made in the F.A.R. Section. While these cuts were being considered, LOUIS NEMZER was, according to the Informant, instrumental in keeping COPLON employed there, even though other employees with better qualifications and longer service in the Section were laid off in early 1946. NEMZER used some pretext, not now recalled, to give COPLON an excellent efficiency rating, although her previous rating had been lower and would have been too low for her to have been allowed to remain when the personnel cuts took place. After NEMZER's manipulation to keep COPLON in the Section, he announced she would take over the work in the Slav field, which had been handled by Lt. STEPHEN W. MANCHUR.

The Informant has no knowledge of JUDITH COPLON's background, activities or associates other than her apparent connection with a group of individuals in the F.A.R. Section described by the Informant as pro-Soviet. This "Clique" included LOUIS NEMZER, DAVID BOOKSTAVER, a Department of Justice Attorney attached to the F.A.R. Section, NATHAN ELLIFF, BERNARD MORRIS, an analyst in the F.A.R. Section, LEON SEGAL, a translator in the Section, and COPLON. The Informant claims to have had little close contact with COPLON and therefore was unable to recall any details regarding her or her work. She never gave the Informant reason to believe she definitely adhered to pro-Communist doctrines or definitely favored Soviet Russia. She had access, as far as is known, to most of the reports and files in the F.A.R. Section, but the Informant never suspected her of making use of them outside of her regular duties. The Informant expressed his surprise at learning through the newspapers that COPLON had been arrested on a charge of espionage, but asserted that not even in retrospect could he recall facts which would indicate she was so engaged when he was acquainted with her. He does recall that the other female employees of the F.A.R. Section hated JUDITH COPLON and had nothing to do with her, but he does not know the reason for this.

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The Informant's conclusion that the "Clique" mentioned above was pro-Soviet is based on the following:

LOUIS NEMZER, who has been known to the Informant from some time in 1942, constantly referred to the House Committee on un-American Activities as a Fascist group and on at least one occasion stated that Director J. EDGAR HOOVER of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was a Fascist and that the F.B.I. was only after Communists and anti-Soviets and "saw things". This latter phrase was explained by the Informant to mean that NEMZER was of the opinion the F.B.I. was unduly concerned about Communist activities in the United States. NEMZER was also known to have referred to anyone anti-Soviet as a Fascist and continuously to have charged red-baiting to any stand taken by persons criticizing Communists or pro-Communist activities. Both he and NATHAN ELLIFF were heard to term members of the House Committee on un-American Activities "those S.O.B.'s". The Informant recalls having overheard [redacted] also known to the Informant as [redacted] but whose connection at that time was not known to the Informant. [redacted]

[redacted] The Informant overheard [redacted]

The Informant recalls NEMZER always having recommended "The Hour" to the analysts in the F.A.R. Section as being a good source of information for their work in connection with registration of foreign agents. NEMZER also recommended to the analysts the Newsletter of the anti-Defamation League, believing that the charges of pro-Nazism in both periodicals were good basis for investigation.

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The Informant believes that NEMZER was acquainted with ALBERT PERRY, described as the First Editor of "The Hour" and [redacted]

[redacted] NEMZER was also acquainted with one GOLD, who was with the Foreign Nationality Section of the Office of Strategic Services at about the same time. The Informant had no information as

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to Communist activities or connections on the part of GOLD and believes his full name may be BEN GOLD. The Informant also stated that ALBERT KAHN, JR., referred to above, had one ARNOLD MARGOLAN (spelling not known to be correct) fired from the OSS on a trumped up charge of being a Fascist, the exact details of which are not now known. The Informant could not connect this bit of information with NEMZER except that MARGOLAN's daughter, a Mrs. HANSEN, worked under NEMZER in the F.A.R. Section in 1942 and at one time [REDACTED]

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The Informant recalls that an investigator of the House Committee on un-American Activities, known to him as "RUSSELL", came to the Foreign Agents Registration Section in March or April, 1946, for information on one ANTHONY BIMBA, who was apparently then under investigation by the House Committee on un-American Activities but who could not be further identified by the Informant. RUSSELL was referred to LOUIS NEMZER or DAVID BOOKSTAVEN and the Informant believes that RUSSELL was not given any information and remembers that an order came down later through NEMZER that those in the F.A.R. Section were not to bother with House Committee on un-American Activities requests for information, thereby indicating that no cooperation was to be extended to members and investigators of that Committee. The Informant believes that NATHAN ELLIFF was in agreement with this policy.

The Informant recollects that NEMZER had on one occasion, recommended the registration of the Communist Party of India as falling within the provisions of the Registration Act, but the Informant feels that this might possibly have been a cover-up of NEMZER's true feeling.

The Informant also asserted that LOUIS NEMZER had formed a luncheon group composed of persons working in the East European field in all Government agencies, i.e. Department of Justice, Foreign Economic Administration, Army G-2, Office of Naval Intelligence and OSS. The Informant does not remember, however, that NEMZER ever announced a specific purpose for these luncheons and thought he may have used them as a sounding board or a source of information. The Informant does not know this to be the case.

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As to ~~DAVID~~ BOOKSTAVEN, the Informant recalls that BOOKSTAVEN was contacted in late 1945 or early 1946 by several agents of the "Pro-Soviet Polish Government" who inquired over the phone as to the necessity for their registering under the Registration Act. BOOKSTAVEN intimated in his conversation with them that they should not ask him if they had to register, indicating thereby, that if they specifically did, he would have to say "Yes". He was overheard by the Informant to [redacted]

[redacted] The Informant remembers that BOOKSTAVEN kept no minutes at a conference he held with possible registrants under the Registration Act, which omission was against the policy in effect in the F.A.R. Section. A political analyst was not present at some of these conferences held by BOOKSTAVEN, which omission was also against the policy then in effect. The Informant believes that BOOKSTAVEN operated like this purposely in order that they would have no record of what he told those with whom he was conferring.

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The Informant, [redacted]

[redacted] The Informant is furthermore under the impression that BOOKSTAVEN may have disposed of some correspondence relating to enforcement of the Registration Act. He could not identify any of these cases, files or correspondence involved and does not know why BOOKSTAVEN was interested in the files and correspondence he arranged to have sent to him rather than to the Informant.

The Informant knows nothing specific as to a pro-Soviet attitude on the part of NATHAN ELLIFF except his close and personal association with LOUIS NEMZER, whom the Informant described as ELLIFF's assistant. The Informant recalls that ELLIFF, like NEMZER, charged "red-baiting" to anti-Communist activities and expressed displeasure with the House Committee on un-American Activities. ELLIFF often belittled efforts to more rigidly enforce the Registration Act and definitely gave the impression of not wanting the Act enforced. ELLIFF appeared to be a close friend of NEMZER in and out of the office and the Informant believes that NEMZER had much influence with ELLIFF.

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The Informant termed BERNARD MORRIS, an analyst in the F.A.R. Section, a "slave" of NEMZER and knew the two to be good friends. He could cite nothing specific but does know that MORRIS had made, over a period of time, gentle remarks against the House Committee on un-American Activities. These, and other remarks not now recalled, left the Informant with the impression that he was a "leftist".

Informant did not consider LEON SEGAL as pro-Soviet himself, but connected SEGAL with the entire group only because LOUIS NEMZER was favorable toward SEGAL and seems to have been looking out for him.

The Informant believes that ^φJESSE McKNIGHT, who was NEMZER's predecessor as "top political analyst", was not pro-Communist or pro-Soviet but did give NEMZER, who was working under him at the time, the "run of the Department".

The Informant gave the interviewing Agents the names of two persons who were discharged from the F.A.R. Section in the reduction of personnel in early 1946 and who shared his opinions as to the "pro-Soviet Clique" there. These are Miss FRANCES BUTLER and Miss AVANZINO. He does not know where they are now employed.

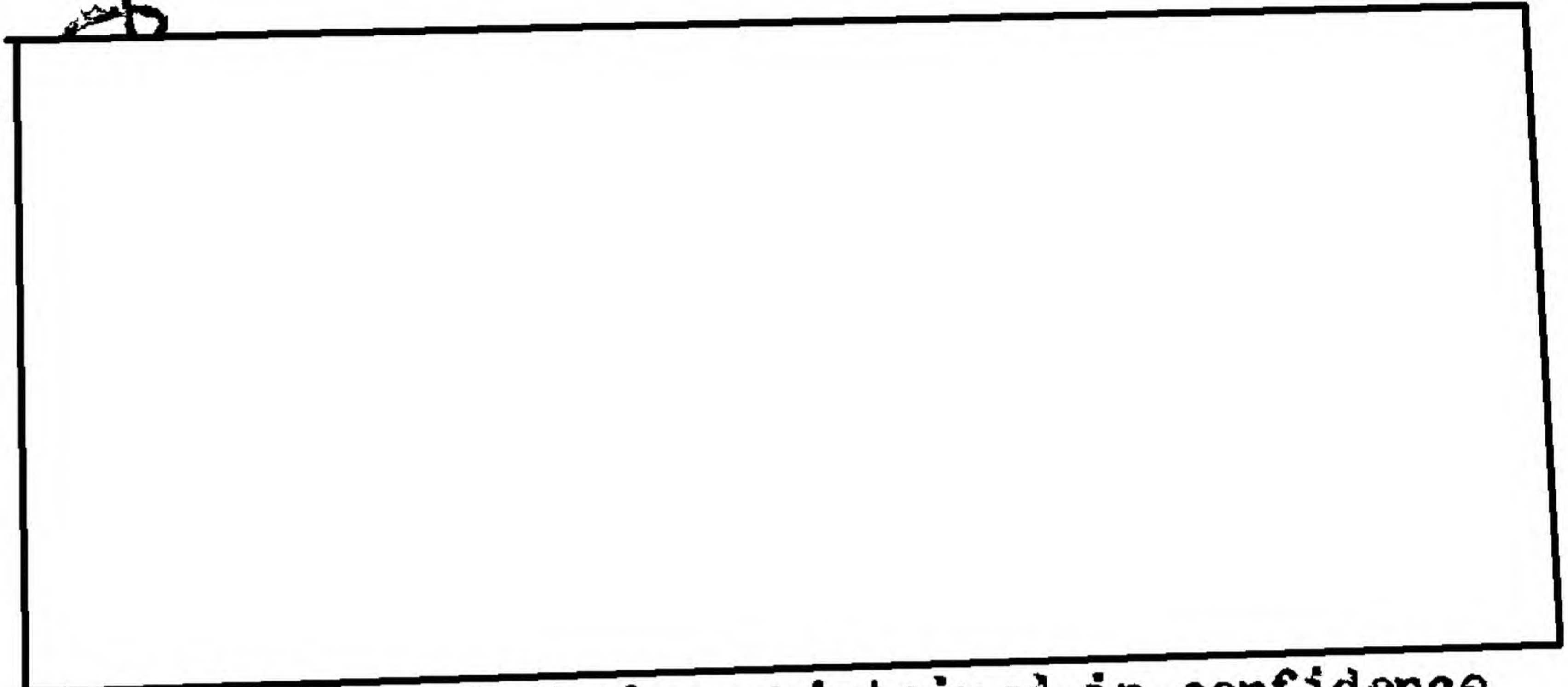
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His identity is being maintained in confidence inasmuch as he furnished the information in this report on the understanding that it would not go to the Department of Justice if either LOUIS NEMZER or NATHAN ELLIFF were still there.

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Copies for New York are designated in view of Subject's trial there scheduled for April 1, 1949. One copy may be furnished to the United States Attorney unless the Bureau interposes in objection.

Copy furnished for Cincinnati for information since LOUIS NEMZER is now at Ohio State University and has been interviewed in connection with this case.

Certain portions of Detroit teletype to Washington Field Office and the Bureau dated March 8, 1949, regarding the Informant's contact with the House Committee on un-American Activities and the relating of his views on the F.A.R. Section to his supervisor in the Department of Justice are not included in view of the confidential nature of the information and the lack of connection with the Subject's case.



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RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R.

At 9:00 pm on March 29, I advised Mr. Milne at the Bureau that Mr. T. J. Donegan had advised me that two conferences would be held on March 30 concerning the COPLON case, as a result of discussions by Attorney ARCHIE PALMER with Mr. Whearty in Washington. One conference will be concerned with what personal possessions we should release to JUDITH COPLON from the items taken from her at the time of her apprehension. This apparently will be decided by Mr. Donegan in conference with PALMER. The second conference will pertain to an appearance before Judge Rifkind to secure permission for JUDITH COPLON to go to New Jersey to attend the funeral of her father. Mr. Donegan indicated that ARCHIE PALMER will ask for a ten-day postponement of the trial and that PALMER has further indicated that when the 10 days are up, he will ask for another month.

Mr. Donegan is going to inform Judge Rifkind that the Government is ready to proceed with the case on April 1. Mr. Donegan advised that Judge Rifkind is aware of the complications that might arise if the trial is postponed, with GUBITCHEV languishing in the Federal House of Detention.

A. H. BELMONT
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RE: JUDITH COPLON;
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The following investigation was conducted by SA J. J. Kennelly on 3/29/49 at New York City. The information contained herein was made available to the writer by Mrs. MARIE FLYNN, Assistant in the Placement Office, Barnard College, New York City.

Mrs. H. GRAHAM MEGAW
nee Margaret Richardson
London, Ohio

Start MARGARET RICHARDSON was born on July 29, 1921 at Alpena, Michigan. Her parents were listed as LEE RICHARDSON, who was born in Michigan; her mother, MARGARET HENDERSON RICHARDSON, born in Michigan, but who is now deceased. Her father's occupation was listed as that of a farmer, by trade, but in 1942, it was noted, he was doing propaganda work for the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. MARGARET RICHARDSON'S mother died when she was very young and she was placed under the care of a guardian by the name of AUSTIN C. HARMON. Her grandfather, name unknown, was listed as a physicist at the University of Michigan.

MARGARET RICHARDSON attended Kingswood High School, located at Cranbrook, Michigan, from whence she was graduated in 1939. From there, she enrolled in the University of Wisconsin and remained there until 1941, at which time she was a transfer student to Barnard College. During her two years at Barnard, she was engaged in the following extracurricular activities: (1) In her senior year, she was Student Chairman of Volunteer War-Service Work; (2) During this year, she was also Chairman of the Community Service Bureau; (3) She was elected Chairman of the Class Gift to the College in that year.

It was noted that her college record was good and consisted mainly of a "B" average, and that she majored in English Composition.

On September 8, 1943, she was married to H. GRAHAM MEGAW, whose occupation was listed as that of an employee in a locker plant. Their address, at that time, was London, Ohio.

Previous to this, in the Summer of 1942, she was employed as a reporter on the "Northport Journal", Northport, Long Island. A part-time job.

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as usher at the Institute of Arts & Sciences, Columbia University, was also listed as employment during her senior year.

Subsequent to graduation, during the period from February, 1945 through November, 1945, her occupation was listed as copywriter for the Lazarus Department Store, London, Ohio. The following faculty references were listed in the file:

Professor VIRGINIA D. HARRINGTON, listed as Assistant to the Dean, in charge of student affairs, and as Professor of History, 131 Milbank Hall, Barnard, College, New York City;

Miss MARJORIE G. COOGAN, English teacher, 400 West 119th Street, Butler Hall, Barnard College, New York

The only employer reference in the file of MARGARET RICHARDSON was MARIAN H. BRETT, President of the "Northport Journal", Long Island, New York.

A list of addresses, as furnished, is as follows:

1941	-	Crooked Run, London, Ohio;
1941 through 1943	-	resided at School Dormitory
June, 1943	-	Upon graduation, returned to
	-	Crooked Run, London, Ohio
Fall of 1943	-	address noted as Smith Bridge
	-	Road, Boothwyn, Pennsylvania
May, 1945	-	926 East Broad Street, Columbus 5,
	-	Ohio.
Present address	-	London, Ohio.

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ELSIE ROSE FRIEMUS
Hook Mountain Road
Montville, New Jersey

Deleted & substituted 'Elsie FRIEMUS'

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(This individual) was born on August 4, 1921 in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of JOHN (n.m.i.) FRIEMUS and FRIEDA (no maiden name noted) FRIEMUS. JOHN FRIEMUS was listed as having been born in Russia and his occupation, at the time of ELSIE'S enrollment, was factory manager and part-owner, although neither the place nor name of the factory was specified. FRIEDA FRIEMUS was born in Switzerland and listed her occupation as a former nursemaid. ELSIE has one sister, name unknown, whose age was eleven in 1939.

ELSIE FRIEMUS attended the Caldwell High School, Caldwell, N.J., from where she was graduated in 1938. She came to Barnard College in September, 1939 and was graduated from there in 1943, receiving an A.B. degree. In the Summer of 1941, she took courses in education at the New Jersey State Teacher's College, but no information was noted concerning these summer courses.

While in attendance at Barnard, she engaged in the following extracurricular activities: (1) During her sophomore year, she was Treasurer of the Lutheran Club; (2) She was president of the same club in her junior year; (3) During her senior year, she was listed as senior proctor, plus being in emergency war-work as a member of the Student Aid Corps.

The above, while in attendance at Barnard College, was employed as a student under the NYA Program and worked actively in the Music Department, Comptroller's Office, lunchroom and the library. During 1941 and 1942, she was employed as a sales clerk in Altman's department store, Saturdays only. Miss CATHERINE S. DOTY, then head of the Occupation Bureau, enabled her to obtain this part-time job.

Subsequent to graduation, in June, 1943, she, as a result of receiving a mark of 98% in the Junior Professional Assistant exams (Civil Service), received an appointment at the Department of Justice. A Mr. WOHLFORTH notified her of her receipt of the position as a Research Assistant with the Department of Justice. She was employed there between June, 1943 and April, 1946, the exact dates unknown.

On June 1, 1946, she went to L. BAMBERGER & COMPANY, Newark, New Jersey. At that time, she gave Mr. LAURENCE ASPEY of the Justice Department

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as a reference. He was listed as the former Chief, Antitrust Division (New York Office), and his address was noted at that time to be 30 Broad Street.

In addition to the above information, it was noted that while she was employed in the Department of Justice, she was attached to the War Division, doing research in economic warfare.

She left BAMBERGER'S in September, 1946, exact date unknown, and secured employment with the DAN JOHNSON, INC. firm in October, 1946, which acts as artists' representatives. This was her last known employment.

The following faculty references were furnished concerning the above:

Professor BASIL RAUCH, History Department, 337 Milbank Hall, Barnard;

Professor EUGENE H. BYRNE (retired), 24 East 84th Street, N.Y.C.

Professor ELSPETH DAVIES, now Mrs. WALT ROSTOW - two addresses:

6 Rue de la Cloche, Geneva, Switzerland;

501 West 113th Street, New York City.

*Her latest address was given as
Hook Mountain Road, Monticello, N. J.*

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Mrs. ABRAHAM S. WALFISH
nee Beatrice Kaplan
348 Drake Avenue
New Rochelle, New York

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BEATRICE KAPLAN was born June 28, 1922 at Mt. Vernon, New York. Her father, MAX KAPLAN, was born in Russia; her mother, BERTHA KAPLAN, now deceased, was also born in Russia, but no maiden name was listed. Occupation for her father at the time of her enrollment was shown as being in the cleaning and dyeing business, although no pertinent information was available. A guardian, Mrs. ROSE POSNER, was listed, whose address was shown as 115 South 8th Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York. The above has one brother, Dr. J. M. KAPLAN, a dentist, who also resides, and is employed, in Mt. Vernon. The above has two older sisters, both housewives, but neither the names nor addresses of either was available.

BEATRICE KAPLAN attended the A. B. Davis High School, from where she was graduated in January, 1939. She entered Barnard during September, 1939 and was graduated therefrom with an A. B. degree in June, 1943. During the Summer of 1942, she took courses at New York University, notably in government, economics and political science.

While in attendance at Barnard, she engaged in the following extracurricular activities: (1) during freshman year, she was member of the Greek Games Committee; (2) as a junior, and also during her graduate year, she was Associate Editor on the News Board; (3) during her graduate year, she was interested, and actively engaged, in the Columbia University radio (CURC), a student activity. This radio had its own wave length and broadcast locally to the dormitories.

Prior to her enrollment, she was employed as a receptionist and assistant to her brother, Dr. J. M. KAPLAN, at Mt. Vernon, New York. Also, during the period February, 1939 through August, 1939, she was engaged as a tutor for the daughter of Dr. J. LAPIN at 130 Reed Avenue, Pelham Manor, New York. As a student, during her undergraduate years, she was employed under the NYA Program in the Fine Arts Department and the Psychology Department. During the Summer of 1939, she was listed as a resident companion for a Mrs. ALFRED KUDIN. No address was listed. During the period from September, 1941 until Christmas of that year, she was employed at Ombach's department store as a sales clerk. From September, 1942 to January, 1943, she did research work and field work for the National Child Labor Committee, New York City.

Subsequent to her graduation, she was employed, as of July 1, 1943, and through December 1, 1943, in the Antitrust Division of the Department of

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Justice, doing research work on international cartels.

During the period of February 1, 1944 through May 1, 1945, her employment was listed as reporter on the "Hayward Review", a daily newspaper published in Hayward, California.

The faculty references for the above, as furnished, are as follows:

Professor CLARA ELIOT, Milbank Hall, Barnard College;
Professor THOMAS P. REARDON, Professor of Government, 600 West
115th Street, New York City;
Professor JANE CLARK CAREY, Milbank Hall, Barnard.

On April 4, 1943, prior to her graduation from Barnard, she was married to ABRAHAM S. WALFISH, and a daughter was born on June 19, 1945. At that time, he was listed as a serviceman although the exact branch of service was not known. At present, his occupation is that of an optometrist.

Addresses, as furnished, are as follows:

1939	115 South 8th Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
1940	145 South 1st Avenue; Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
1942	20 Park Avenue, NYC
1945	Hayward, California
1947	248 Drake Avenue, New Rochelle, N.Y.

It is to be noted that the last address shown above is the last one noted for BEATRICE KAPLAN. This address was obtained at the time of the last contact with her by the Placement Office, and it was noted, at the time of this contact, that she was no longer employed, but listed the statement "retired" and it was assumed that she is now a housewife.

→ End

J. J. KENNELLY, SA



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

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March 30, 1949

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
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MR. SCHMIDT
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MR. WATSON
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At 12:50 pm on March 30, 1949, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau stated that he desired forwarded to the Bureau today the following:

1. Two copies (photostats preferably) of the logs of the various agents who worked on the first two surveillances in this matter in New York City; i. e., surveillances of January 14 and February 18.
2. Two sets of the photographs showing the pertinent locations involved in instant surveillances, such as subway entrances, etc.
3. The identity of the agent who prepared the charts transmitted to the Bureau earlier this week.

Mr. Fletcher stated that Mr. Whearty of the Department desires to speak with this agent over the phone this afternoon.

Upon checking with Supervisor Granville, it was ascertained that SA Raymond P. Wirth, who prepared the charts in this matter, was apparently still at the Bureau. I thereupon checked at the Bureau and ascertained that Agent Wirth had departed from Washington shortly after 10:00 am this morning. Appropriate stops have been placed against Agent Wirth's arrival in New York.

Fletcher advised on 3/30/49; 5:15 pm Wirth here; he will have Whearty call us; keep W available

A. J. TUOHY
Supervisor

ADDENDUM: Mr. Fletcher called and advised that it will not be necessary for Mr. Whearty to speak to Agent Wirth; that Whearty's request concerned getting a large map which request Mr. Donegan had already made of this office and which is set forth in a separate memo of the writer dated today.

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cc - 65-14939 (Gubitchev)

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JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., dated March 8, 1949, at New York, which reflects the following entry in the subject's address book:

Dr. ALTON and LEE MEISTER
5804 Walnut Road
Bethesda
OL - 2329

For the information of the Washington Field Office, the following is additional data secured from the Placement Service Records at Barnard College by SA PIERRE H. LE VEC, re Mrs. ALTON MEISTER (formerly RUTH LEONORA GARTEN).

Start

RUTH LEONORA GARTEN was born on July 28, 1922 in New York City. She attended Hunter College High School, graduating in January, 1939. She entered Barnard College in October, 1939, and graduated in June, 1943, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, having majored in psychology. Her grades were above average.

Her father was STANLEY GARTEN, born in New York City, a practicing lawyer who attended the College of the City of New York and New York University Law School. Her mother is HANNAH R. GARTEN, born in New York City, who attended New York University Law School and was said to be a former lawyer in October, 1939, at the time of RUTH LEONORA GARTEN'S entrance to Barnard College. The family address at that time was 304 West 92nd Street, New York City, and Miss GARTEN has two sisters whose ages were twenty and ten and a half years in October, 1939. In March, 1940, the family address was indicated to be 789 West End Avenue, New York City.

Barnard College records indicate that Miss GARTEN apparently developed a cardiac condition in October, 1941, although her prior health record there had been good.

Miss GARTEN was not very active in extracurricular activities. She was a member of the Glee Club during her four years at Barnard College; a member of the Greek Games Business Board during her freshman year; and a member of the Roosevelt Club during her sophomore year. During her junior and senior year, Miss GARTEN was interviewed by the Placement Service Office of Barnard College concerning possible employment after her graduation, and the interviewer noted that she was not enthusiastic about a career and apparently had some conflict with her parents in that regard. It was also noted that she did not respond

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favorably to suggestions given her regarding participation in volunteer war work.

The Placement Service Records at Barnard College further reflected that while still an undergraduate, Miss GARTEN served as a camp counselor during the summers of 1939 and 1940. From May, 1941 to September, 1941, and during the same period in 1942, Miss GARTEN did office work for the Lehr Auto and Electrical Supply Company at 16 West 61st Street, New York City. A letter in her Placement Service file dated December, 1942, and signed by SAMUEL FRANK of that company, indicated that her work there had been very satisfactory. The Placement Service Records also indicate that in October, 1942, Miss GARTEN participated in a volunteer testing program at the Quinman Clinic of the Sacred Heart School in New York City.

On December 26, 1943, RUTH LEONORA GARTEN married Dr. ALTON MEISTER, a physician. From October, 1943, until June, 1945, she attended the New York School of Social Work and received her master's degree in October, 1945.

GARTEN'S employment record since her graduation is reflected as follows in the Placement Service Records at Barnard College:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Employment</u>
June, 1943 to October, 1943	Research Assistant, Psychological Corporation, New York City;
June, 1944 to October, 1944	Temporary Case Worker, Foster Home Bureau, New York City;
June, 1945 to August, 1946	Psychiatric Case Worker, Foster Home Bureau, Queens District, New York City;
November, 1946 to January, 1948	Psychiatric Case Worker, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C.;
January, 1948	United States Health Service, Prince George's Mental Health Clinic, Washington, D. C.

The former addresses of Miss GARTEN, as Mrs. ALTON MEISTER, are reflected in Barnard College Placement Service Records as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>
January, 1944	421 East 77th Street, New York City;
September, 1944	340 East 66th Street, New York City;

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Address

November, 1946
March, 1948
July, 1948

3404 C Street, S.E., Washington, D. C.;
8335 Grubb Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland;
5804 Wilmet Road, Bethesda 14, Maryland.

It is to be noted that this latter address was set out from JUDITH COPLON'S address book as 5804 Walnut Road, Bethesda. However, it is reflected in Barnard College records as Wilmet Road, Bethesda.

At the time of her graduation from Barnard College, Miss GARTEN listed three faculty instructors as faculty references. They are: Dr. T. G. ANDREWS, GELOLO MC HUGH, and S. STANSFELD SARGENT. ANDREWS and MC HUGH are no longer connected with Barnard College. However, Mrs. STRATEMAN of the Placement Service Bureau believes that MC HUGH is currently teaching at Duke University. S. STANSFELD SARGENT is now an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Barnard College with an office at 416 Milbank Hall. The faculty roster lists his home address as 449 West 123rd Street, New York City.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC..... U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE NY TELE MARCH TWENTY THREE LAST. RECORDS PASSPORT DIVISION, STATE DEPARTMENT, REFLECT ONE PHILIP PAVIA BORN MARCH SIXTEEN, NINETEEN ELEVEN, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., ISSUED PASSPORT NO. ONE THREE TWO SIX FIVE FOUR ON DECEMBER TWO, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN FOR TRAVEL TO FRANCE AND ITALY. OCCUPATION, SCULPTOR. ADDRESS, ONE FIVE SEVEN SIX PARK AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN. PASSPORT ADDRESS ORIGINALLY APPEARED, IDENTICAL NUMBER, PARK AVE., NEW YORK, N.Y. HOWEVER, N.Y., N.Y. IS BLOCKED OUT AND BRIDGEPORT, CONN. SUBSTITUTED. PASSPORT FILES LIST FATHER AS LOUIS PAVIA, BORN ITALY EIGHTEEN SIXTY FOUR, MOTHER, CONCENTTA GALLUCCI, BORN ITALY EIGHTEEN SIXTY SEVEN, BOTH RESIDING IN U.S. SINCE NINETEEN ONE, NEITHER U.S. CITIZENS. PAVIA-S INTENDED DATE OF LEAVING U.S. INDICATED AS JANUARY, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, MEANS OF TRAVEL NOT GIVEN, DURATION OF TRIP, SIX MONTHS, PURPOSE TO STUDY SCULPTURE. PAVIA PREVIOUSLY ISSUED PASSPORT NO. ONE FIVE FIVE NAUGHT NINE NAUGHT ON NOVEMBER TWENTY, THIRTY FOUR, END PAGE ONE

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TO FRANCE AND ITALY FOR PURPOSE OF STUDY, INTENDED DURATION OF VISIT ONE YEAR. THIS APPLICATION SET OUT FATHER AS LUIGI PAVIA, BORN FAETO, ITALY, MOTHER SAME AS ABOVE. RESIDENCE GIVEN AS TWO THREE NAUGHT LEXINGTON AVE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., MAILING ADDRESS CARE ELIZABETH W. LEWIS, WOODVIEW ROAD, HEMPSTEAD, L. I. IDENTITY WITNESS, JOSE BENEDETTO, SIX ONE FRANK STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., ACQUAINTANCE OF TWENTY YEARS. PASSPORT APPLICATION INDICATED PAVIA HAD RESIDED OUTSIDE U.S. SIX MONTHS DURING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR IN GREECE, FRANCE, ITALY AND EGYPT. CSC, WPA, FSA RECORDS WASHINGTON, D. C. CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NAME PHILIP G. PAVIA, FIVE THREE WEST EIGHTH ST., NYC, CONTAINED IN COPLON-S ADDRESS BOOK. NEW HAVEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH AVAILABLE BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING PHILIP PAVIA TO BUREAU, N.Y. AND WFO. ATTENTION NEW HAVEN, THE NAME OF PAVIA AND COMPANY, EXPORTS, FIFTY FIVE WEST FORTY SECOND STREET, NYC, WAS A TELEPHONIC CONTACT OF JOSEPH KATZ IN NINETEEN FORTY FOUR.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N. Y.
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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JUDITH COPLON, ETAL, ESP-R. RE PAGE SEVENTYSIX OF REPT OF SA T. SCOTT MILLER, MARCH EIGHT FORTYNINE AT NY, WHICH CONTAINS INFO REGARDING COPLON'S TRIP ABROAD IN FORTYEIGHT. RECORDS TWA, NYC, REFLECT COPLON LEFT NY ON FLIGHT NINE SEVEN TWO ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN FORTYEIGHT FOR PARIS. NO RETURN BOOKING. RESERVATION BOOKED AND TICKET ISSUED BY TWA, WASHINGTON. RECORDS OF BLUE CARS CONTINENTAL, LTD, NYC, REFLECT THAT THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MOTOR CLUB, PENNSYLVANIA AVE AND SEVENTEENTH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, CONTACTED BLUE CARS ON APRIL SEVENTEEN FORTYEIGHT RE A FOURTEEN DAY TOUR FOR COPLON BEGINNING JUNE EIGHT FROM PARIS TO ITALY AND SWITZERLAND. TOTAL COST TWO HUNDRED FORTYSIX DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS. ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS DEPOSITED BY CHECK MADE BY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MOTOR CLUB TO BLUE CARS ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE. BLUE CARS MADE ONE NIGHT RESERVATION AT HOTEL LUTTEIA, PARIS, FOR COPLON ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT. SHE ADVISED DC MOTOR CLUB THAT SHE WOULD RESIDE IN PARIS WITH ONE BEATRICE BRANDY (PH), PROBABLY BEATRICE ^{BRAUDE} BRANDY KNOWN TO BUREAU AND WFO AS A CONTACT OF MRS. SILVERMASTER, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN PARIS. WFO REQUESTED TO CONTACT DC MOTOR CLUB AND TWA FOR AVAILABLE INFO RE COPLON'S TRIP.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI

ATTENTION: MR. H. B. FLETCHER

March 30, 1949

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Pursuant to your telephonic request the following are being enclosed with this letter:

1. Photographs of various places in New York where subjects were observed on January 14th, February 18th and March 4, 1949. (Duplicate sets)
2. Photostatic copies of agents' physical surveillance logs:
January 14th on COPLON and GUBITCHEV
February 18th on COPLON
February 18th on GUBITCHEV
(Duplicate sets)

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MR. WATSON
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TRAINING UNIT

On the afternoon of March 30, 1949, Mr. T. J. Donegan advised that he had received a call from Ray Whearty of the Department, requesting that we obtain as large a map as possible, preferably an official map, but not necessarily one, showing the streets as well as the subway systems, if possible, covering the area in New York City in which the pertinent surveillances in this case had taken place. He said that he believed Manhattan would be the only borough involved and that it was desired to use this map before the trial jury so that the largest one possible should be obtained.

The foregoing request was furnished to Supervisor Granville.

A. J. TUOHY
Supervisor

Donegan called later; said Kelly of AG's office
once had used map of City Planning Council dated 12/31/45
which would suit present needs; thinks it was obtained from
City Planning Council or City Engineer's
Office. Suggests we try these places.
cc - 65-14939 (Gubitchev)

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New York, New York

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March 31, 1949

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

MR. SCHEIDT
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MR. MARCHESSAULT
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MR. QUINN
MR. RINE
MR. TOLSON
MR. WATSON
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On the afternoon of March 31, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that Mr. T. J. Donegan had a conference yesterday with ARCHIE PALMER regarding the personal effects to be returned to JUDITH COPLON. No agreement was reached and they are going to have another conference in a few days. Tomorrow, PALMER is going to ask for a ten-day postponement before Judge RIFKIND, based on the Jewish mourning period because of the death of COPLON's father. PALMER has also indicated that he will ask for a month's postponement following that and has indicated that he will be ready to go to trial on the 25th of April in Washington. I further advised Mr. Fletcher that, from the way Mr. Donegan talks, the case in Washington may be tried first. Mr. Fletcher pointed out that GUBITCHEV will have to be tried in Washington in absentia.

Mr. Fletcher was informed that Judge RIFKIND is aware of the problem concerning GUBITCHEV remaining in jail so that that will be a factor considered tomorrow, but Mr. Donegan feels that Judge RIFKIND will have to grant the ten-day mourning period at any rate. Mr. Donegan stated that the Government will state that it is ready to go to trial.

Regarding the map that Mr. Kelly and Mr. Whearty of the Department wanted, I advised Mr. Fletcher that we have purchased a map for \$5 which is a fair sized map. When it is cut so that the Island of Manhattan is lengthwise, the map will be about nine feet long. The only way we can state if this is what Kelly and Whearty want is to ship it down to Washington. Mr. Fletcher inquired how much of a job it would be to ship the map down to Washington. I advised him it will probably have to go express and if shipped in this manner would probably reach the Bureau by Tuesday. I inquired whether the Bureau would want us to have a courier bring it to Washington. He stated he would check on this and call me back later this afternoon. I pointed out that perhaps Mr. Whearty may have someone going down to Washington and the problem of getting the map down there could be handled in this manner.

Mr. Fletcher wanted my opinion as to whether the map should be sent down by agent. I advised him it would be a waste of agent time as the trial appears to be going to be postponed. But if he wants map before Monday, courier service is the best way to assure prompt delivery.

Mr. Fletcher called back to say Dept wants map as soon as possible. I advised him agt will bring it down tonight

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York 7, New York

March 31, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Mrs. ROSS VANCE LEWTON (formerly BABBETTE ROSE WIENER). The following information was obtained from the files of the Placement Service at Barnard College concerning the above captioned individual, a former associate of the subject.

Start →

BABBETTE ROSE WIENER was born on September 12, 1921, at New York City, and graduated from Hunter College High School in June, 1939. It is noted that from January to June, 1939, she also took a stenographic course at the Ballad School which is connected with the YWHA in New York City. Miss WIENER entered Barnard College in October, 1939, at which time her home address was 650 West End Avenue, New York City. She majored in economics; her grades were above average; and she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in June, 1943.

Her father was ROBERT J. WIENER, born in Chicago, Illinois, and employed at the Hinckley Hat (or Hot) Company. Her mother, Mrs. MILDRED G. MANN, also known as Mrs. WALTER WHITTLESEY, was divorced from WIENER and married to WALTER MANN. The Barnard College records reflected that Mrs. MANN attended college and her occupation was given as a writer and former secretary. The records indicate that she was employed in 1943 by the "Censorship", and also by the Office of Price Administration. BABBETTE ROSE WIENER'S step-father headed the Market Research Company known as Walter Mann and Staff. Barnard College records stated that Miss WIENER lived with her mother and step-father during the summer months, and with her father and grandmother during the winter months in New York City. Miss WIENER'S absences at Barnard College were very excessive, and she received a warning from the school authorities in that regard. The person who interviewed Miss WIENER at the Barnard College Placement Service Office noted that she was very loquacious and self-centered.

Miss WIENER was extremely active in extracurricular activities during her Barnard College career. During her freshman year she was a member of the Glee Club and participated in the Greek Games Project which is a yearly event at the school. These two activities were continued throughout her

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sophomore year, in addition to her participation on the Archery Committee, the Camp Committee, the Year Book (Mortar Board) Advertising Staff. Miss WIENER was also active on the "Bulletin", the school publication to which JUDITH COPLON also contributed. Similar activities were continued by Miss WIENER during her junior and senior years.

Miss WIENER was the recipient of a State Scholarship throughout her four years at Barnard College, and during her school career, she was engaged in the following part-time employments:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>
Summer, 1940	Assistant, Walter Mann's Office (step-father);
June 2, 1941 to July 28, 1941	Statistical typist, Melchior, Armstrong, and Dessau;
August 4, 1941 to September, 1941	Clerk, A.T. & T., as Warrant Transfer typist on Special Bond Issues;

Barnard records reflect that RABETTE ROSE WIENER married ROSS VANCE LEWTON on December 10, 1945, at which time he was a student. The records also indicated that from 1942 until November, 1945, she was a member of the Hostess Committee of the Music Box Canteen in New York City, which provided entertainment for service men. Barnard College Placement Service Records indicate the following employments for WIENER:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>
June, 1942 to July 2, 1942	War Department, Under-Clerk, Typist, 90 Church Street, New York City;
August 9, 1942 to September 12, 1942	Loucks and Norling Studios, Advertising Films, Typist and Receptionist, 245 West 56th Street, New York City;
June 15, 1943 to June 30, 1943	Vick Chemical Company, Statistical Assistant;
July 1, 1943 to March 14, 1944	Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Beane (Brokerage), Assistant to secretary, New York City;
April 7, 1944 to April 30, 1945	"Newsweek", Editorial Research, New York City;
October, 1944 to June, 1945	RAYMOND MOLEY, Government Department, Barnard College; Teaching, Assistant to Mr. MOLEY, New York City; also an official of "Newsweek" Magazine;

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EMPLOYMENT

June 12, 1945 to January 28, 1946	Walter Mann and Staff, Market Research, Field Interview, Newtown, Connecticut;
February 11, 1946 to March 30, 1946	Plastic Molding Corporation, Assistant to P.A. & C. Manager, Newtown, Connecticut;
August 12, 1946 to February, 1947 (?)	Daniel Starch and Staff, Market Research, Field Interview, Middletown, Connecticut;
September, 1946 to February, 1947	Middletown High School, Substitute Teacher, commercial subjects and social studies;
February 3, 1947	Middletown High School, teaching plane geometry, elementary algebra, and business arithmetic;
1947	Doing class notes for "Wesleyan Alumnus" (probably part-time).

In connection with the above employments, WIENER stated on the employment card which she sent to Barnard College Placement Service Office in November, 1946, that she had published six articles on financial subjects in the "Investor's Reader", a publication of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Beane, in 1943 and 1944. She also stated that she wrote two news stories while on the staff of the "Newsweek", one on business news, and the other on religion.

Barnard College records reflect that WIENER has traveled abroad in England, France, Holland, and Italy. Elsewhere in her record it is noted that she visited Europe at the age of four. However, it is not indicated whether the above countries were visited at that time, or on a subsequent trip. In July, 1946, Mrs. ROSS VANCE LEWTON wrote to Barnard College advising them of the death of her step-father, WALTER MANN. Her address at that time was Walnut Tree Hill, Sandy Hook, Connecticut. The most recent address contained in Barnard College records for Mrs. LEWTON is, however, Box #2, Wesleyan Station, Middletown, Connecticut.

Faculty references given by Miss WIENER in May, 1943 were W. WALLER, Assistant Professor of Psychology; RAYMOND J. SAULNIER, Associate Professor of Economics; and Professor RAYMOND MOLEY of the Government Department. WALLER is now deceased. SAULNIER is still teaching at Barnard College with an office at 340 Milbank Hall, and residence address of 106 Morningside Drive, New York City. RAYMOND MOLEY is currently on leave of absence. His business address

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is 152 West 42nd Street ("Newsweek" Magazine) and his home address is the Hotel St. Regis, New York City.

Barnard College Placement Service Records contained a letter dated June 11, 1945, signed by HARRY F. KERN, War and Foreign Editor, "Newsweek" Magazine, expressing satisfaction with the work done by Miss WIENER, when she was employed by "Newsweek" from April, 1944 to April, 1945. A similar letter dated April 18, 1944, signed by B. DELNOY of the Research Department of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Beane, reflects satisfaction with her work with that organization from July, 1943 to March, 1944.

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PIERRE H. LE VEC, SA

Director, FBI

3/31/49

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

In accordance with your request, there is being transmitted under separate cover by special courier the following maps of Manhattan:

- 1) One Hagstrom's Map #2001, 44" X 64" in size, showing subway route.
- 2) One sectional map of upper Manhattan, reflecting in large detail the area of the vicinity in which subject's rendezvous with GUBITCHEV took place. This map was obtained from the City Planning Commissioner's Office, Municipal Building, New York City.
- 3) One large street map, Manhattan, obtained from the Borough President of Manhattan's Office, Municipal Building, New York City, reflecting a scale of one to one thousand, the streets and block layout of the Island of Manhattan. This map does not show subway or transit routes.

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cc - 65-14939

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New York, New York

April 1, 1949

MEMO

RE: VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

At 11:30 am today, I called Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau to advise him that at approximately 11:00 am, GUBITCHEV had been again brought before Judge Rifkind. Mr. T. J. Donegan and Mr. Irving Saypol spoke for the Government and advised that the Government was ready to go to trial in this case, both here and in Washington. JUDITH COPLON was not present because of the death of her father and was represented by Attorney ARCHIE PALMER who requested the court to set the case back to April 26, at which time it would be known whether the case would be tried in Washington, D. C. or here in New York first.

GUBITCHEV, when asked by the court if he had a statement to make, advised he was ready to go to trial and he insisted that the trial be started at once, today, stating that it was not his fault if PALMER was not ready to go to trial. It was indicated that the Washington case would be tried first and is presently set for April 25. Judge Rifkind advised that he wanted this matter brought to his attention again on April 14 in order that he could ascertain whether the Washington case was going to be tried at once. He advised that a two-week delay was sufficient and he did not want a further delay in again hearing this matter because he wanted to protect GUBITCHEV's constitutional rights.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

cc - 65-14932 (Coplon) ✓

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T. J. [initials]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

MARCH 31, 1949

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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WASHINGTON FIELD
ALBANY.....URGENT

J JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. INVESTIGATION IN NY REFLECTS SAMUEL M. COPLON ON JUNE TWENTYSECOND, FORTYEIGHT AND ON PRIOR OCCASIONS DEPOSITED IN HIS SAVINGS ACCOUNT AT THE GREATER NY SAVINGS BANK, BROOKLYN, CHECKS DRAWN ON ALBANY, NY, BANKS. ON MARCH NINTH, FORTYFIVE HE WITHDREW FROM HIS ACCOUNT BY TELLER'S CHECK ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH CHECK HE ENDORSED TO NATL COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST CO. OF ALBANY, NY. A LIKE TRANSACTION TOOK PLACE APRIL FOURTH, FORTYSIX FOR TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. ALBANY SHOULD VERIFY EXISTENCE OF BANK ACCT FOR SAMUEL COPLON BUT CONDUCT NO DETAILED EXAMINATION AT THIS TIME. THE BANK SHOULD BE CHECKED FOR A POSSIBLE ACCOUNT OF ANY TYPE FOR JUDITH COPLON INCLUDING SAFEKEEPING ACCT FOR BONDS OR SAFE DEPOSIT BOX.

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*RRH**Encoded by
P. M. J.*JAR:IM
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Special Agent in ChargeSent 10:05/ M Per [Signature]

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607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

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March 31, 1949

Mr. Edward L. Braune
Legal Department
New York Telephone Co.
140 West St.
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

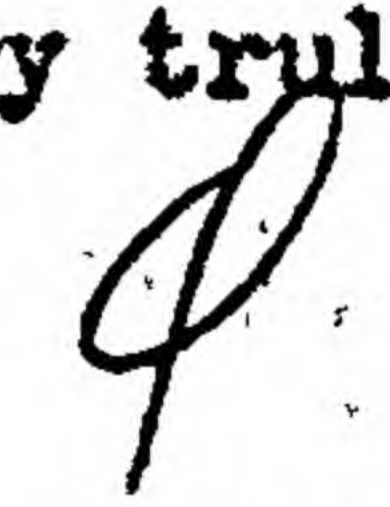
Receipt is acknowledged for the information concerning:

ALFRED SATTEN
317 LEFFERTS AVE
BROOKLYN, NY
PRESIDENT 2-0326

The above was needed by us in connection with an official investigation presently engaging our attention.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York

March 31, 1949

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Director, FBI

**Re: BRUNO SCHACHNER
Assistant United States Attorney
Southern District
New York, New York
Department of Justice
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the report of Special Agent JOHN A. BRODERICK dated March 31, 1948, at New York.

It is desired to refer the Bureau's attention to the interview of CHARLES F. MURPHY, Assistant United States Attorney in Charge of the Criminal Division, Southern District of New York, New York.

During the course of this interview Mr. MURPHY remarked that BRUNO SCHACHNER was a very intimate friend of a former secretary to Judge JEROME M. FRANK of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, New York City. Mr. MURPHY recalls the name of this individual as PREAKIS (phonetic).

It was ascertained through a review of New York file captioned "JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R", page 35 of the report of THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, dated March 8, 1949, at Washington, D. C., that CARMEL SYLVIA PRASHKER, aka. Kim Prashker and Mrs. Lawrence Forest Ebb, an attorney employed by the Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. was secretary to Judge JEROME M. FRANK from September, 1945 to July, 1947. It is reflected in this report that this individual was Publicity Manager of a Russian War Relief Drive in 1943, while a student at Barnard College, Columbia University, New York City. It is further reflected

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that on August 15, 1948, she was detected by a Sergeant of Guards at the Atomic Energy Commission as taking a document stamped "Confidential" outside the Commission building and displaying same to an unidentified man who was not employed by this agency.

It is believed that the individual mentioned by Mr. MURPHY as being an intimate friend of BRUNO SCHACHNER is identical with Mrs. LAWRENCE FORST EBB nee CARMEL SYLVIA PRASHKER.

In view of the confidential nature of the current investigation being conducted in connection with the JUDITH COPLOW case, it was deemed advisable to omit mentioning the above facts in the instant loyalty case or to conduct any investigation pertaining to the relationship that existed between Mrs. LAWRENCE FOREST EBB and BRUNO SCHACHNER.

Very truly yours,

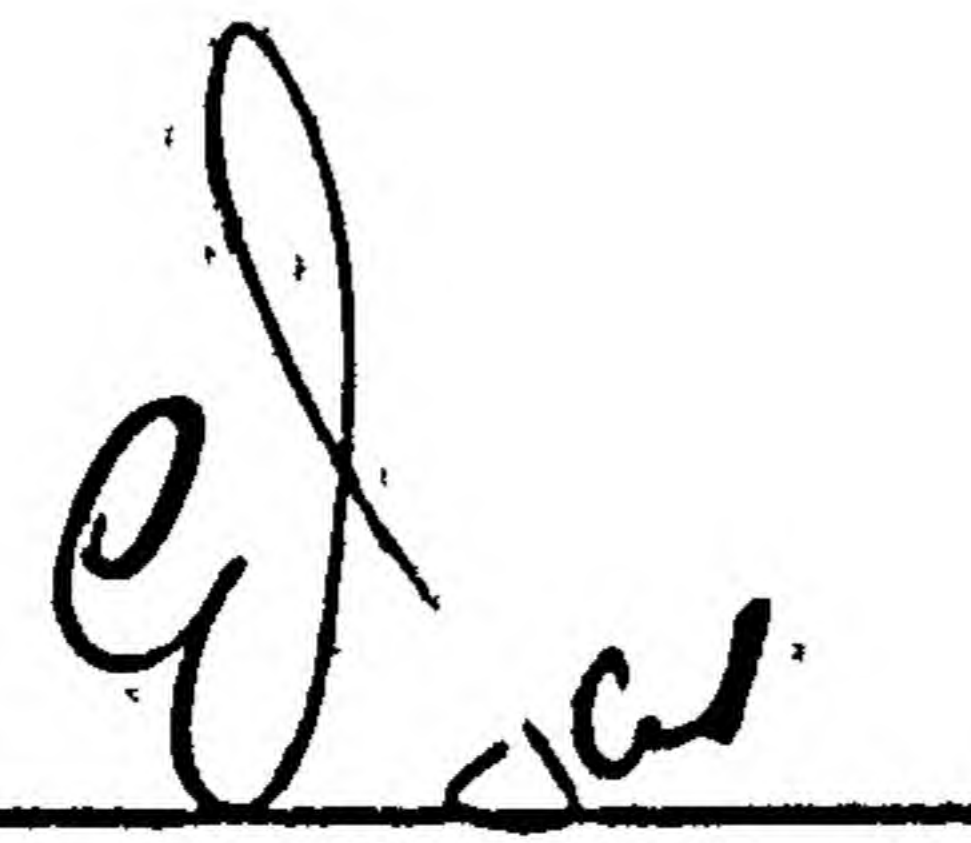
EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 31, 1949Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU
WASHINGTON FIELD URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. RE WFO LETTER MAR. TWENTYONE REQUESTING NY TO CHECK BOND APPLICATIONS OF BONDS PAYABLE TO COPLON. ALL INSTITUTIONS WHERE BONDS PURCHASED CONTACTED EXCEPT KINGS HIGHWAY SAVINGS BANK, BROOKLYN, NY. BOND APPLICATIONS INDICATED COPLON OSTENSIBLY WAS PURCHASER OF ~~FOUR APPLICATIONS COULD NOT BE LOCATED~~ ALL BONDS EXCEPT TWO AND POSSIBLY THREE. A SAMUEL M. COPLON PURCHASED ONE AND POSSIBLY ANOTHER ONE. EMILY SATTEN, AKA, SATTENSTEIN, A SALESWOMAN AT LOESER'S DEPT. STORE, BROOKLYN, NY, PURCHASED ONE. SATTEN POSSIBLY WAS SELLING BONDS DURING A BOND DRIVE. SATTEN IS FORTYEIGHT YEARS OF AGE, MARRIED TO SAMUEL SATTEN AND HAS ONE SON, ALFRED. THEY RESIDE THREE ONE SEVEN LEFFERTS AVENUE, BROOKLYN. SATTEN HAS BEEN WITH LOESER'S SINCE NOV. TWENTYTHIRD, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX. NO RECORDS NY INDICES. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, SATTEN WILL BE INTERVIEWED APR. ONE. NO CONTACT MADE WITH KINGS HIGHWAY SAVINGS BANK AS J. ARTHUR SEIDMAN, BERTRAM COPLON'S FATHER-IN-LAW, IS VICE PRESIDENT OF THAT BANK. NYO OF OPINION THAT AGENTS SHOULD HAVE SUBPOENA WHEN REQUEST IS MADE TO EXAMINE BANK RECORDS SHOULD THE BANK REQUIRE ONE. BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONTACT MR. WHEARTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE DESIRES SUBPOENA. ONLY ONE ACCOUNT LOCATED IN BANKS MENTIONED REFERENCED LETTER IN JUDITH COPLON'S NAME. THIS ACCOUNT WAS AT SEAMEN'S BANK FOR SAVINGS AND WAS CLOSED ON FEB. FOURTEEN, FORTYFIVE. BALANCE OF

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SIX HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND EIGHTYTHREE CENTS WAS WITHDRAWN BY CHECK IN AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND EIGHTY THREE CENTS AND PRESUMABLY SIXTY DOLLARS IN CASH. CHECK DEPOSITED LINCOLN NATIONAL BANK, WASHINGTON. REPORT ON ABOVE INVESTIGATION BEING SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON D. C. March 31, 1949

To: SAC, Washington

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 30, 1949.

Re: JUDITH COPLON;
VALENTIN ALEKSEVICH GUBITCHEV, with aliases
Espionage - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director
YOUR FILE NO. 65-5128
FBI FILE NO. 65-58365
LAB. NO. D-96825 ET

Examination requested by: Washington

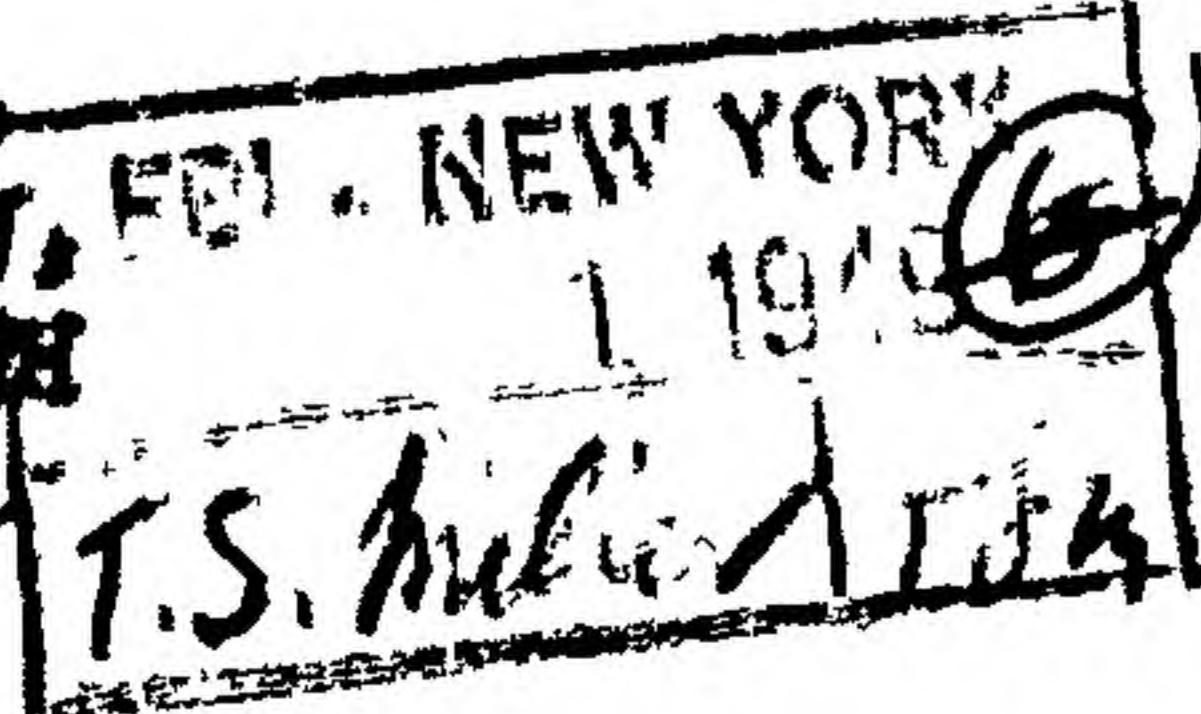
Reference: Letter dated March 30, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- K31 Passport Application #204249, signed on May 5, 1948 by JUDITH COPLON; attached to the application is a City of New York Certification of Birth.
- K32 One-page letter handwritten in ink, dated March 26, 1949, addressed to "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.", and signed "Sincerely yours, JUDITH COPLON".
- K33 Two pages of white ruled paper handwritten in pencil on both sides, listing certain items of furniture, instructions, etc., in the known handwriting of JUDITH COPLON.
- K34 Large sheet of white ruled paper handwritten in pencil on one side, beginning "See 7(a) - only exclude...", in the known handwriting of JUDITH COPLON.
- K35 One-page letter handwritten in ink, dated March 26, 1949, addressed to "Fairmac Corporation, 3811 Porter Street, NW, Washington 16, D. C.", and signed "Sincerely yours, JUDITH COPLON".
- K36 Postal card addressed in ink to "Manager, Jefferson Hall 3685 38th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.", bearing message on the reverse side dated "March 15, 1949" beginning "Dear Madam; I would appreciate...", and signed "Sincerely yours, JUDITH COPLON".

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Results of Examination:

The additional known handwriting specimens of JUDITH COPLON, listed above as K31 through K36, have been compared with specimen Q39, which is the only handwritten specimen removed from COPLON'S purse on the night of her arrest, March 4, 1949, and it has been determined that these additional specimens are adequate for a positive conclusion that COPLON wrote Q39.

If it should become difficult to prove the authenticity of the known handwriting specimens previously used as a basis for this identification, which consisted of COPLON'S Department of Justice Personnel File, the two handwritten letters, K32 and K35, would serve as an adequate basis for the above conclusion.

It is pointed out that specimen K34 is of no value for comparison with Q39.

Specimen K31 was returned personally by SA Frederick E. Webb of the Laboratory to SA Hollis W. Bowers of the Washington Field Division on March 30, 1949. Photographic copies of this specimen have been retained in the files of the Laboratory. Specimens K32 through K36 will be retained in the Laboratory.

Director, FBI

April 1, 1949

SAC, New York

VALENTIN A. GUBITCHEV
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Enclosed herewith for the confidential information of the Bureau is a copy of the briefs submitted to Judge Rifkind by FOWLER HAMILTON, Esquire, as amicus curiae, concerning the question of the Court's jurisdiction over GUBITCHEV.

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